



# 2-Lipschitz Pietsch- $q$ -integral and 2-Lipschitz $q$ -nuclear operators

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In this paper, we extend the concept of  $q$ -nuclear to 2-Lipschitz mappings. We provide a factorization theorem and establish that a 2-Lipschitz operator is  $q$ -nuclear if and only if its transpose is well-defined and  $q$ -nuclear. Additionally, we introduce the concept of 2-Lipschitz Pietsch- $q$ -integral operators, present a factorization theorem, and demonstrate that this class of operators is generated by the composition method. Conclusively, we demonstrate that every 2-Lipschitz  $q$ -nuclear operator is a 2-Lipschitz Pietsch- $q$ -integral operator.

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## 1 Introduction and preliminaries

A. Grothendieck extensively explored the concept of nuclear operators between Banach spaces. In [20], A. Pietsch extended this concept to  $p$ -nuclear operators and investigated their properties for  $1 < p \leq \infty$ . More recently, several authors have delved into various aspects of  $p$ -nuclear operators, as evidenced in [11, 14, 15, 17, 20]. In the work [5], D. Chen and B. Zheng introduced the notion of strongly Lipschitz  $q$ -nuclear operators between pointed metric and Banach spaces, exploring their properties. They demonstrated that every strongly Lipschitz  $q$ -nuclear operator aligns with factorization theory, particularly through the classical Banach spaces  $\ell_\infty$  and  $\ell_q$ .

The concept of Pietsch- $q$ -integral, also known as strictly  $p$ -integral operators, for linear operators was introduced by A. Persson and A. Pietsch [18] to establish many of its fundamental properties. In [4], M.G. Cabrera-Padilla et. al. illustrated the role of Pietsch- $q$ -integral operators in characterizing properties such as the factorization theorem. Recently, in [6], R. Cilia and J.M. Gutiérrez characterized the ideal of Pietsch- $q$ -integral polynomials on Banach spaces for  $q = 1$ , and in [7] for  $q > 1$ , as a natural polynomial extension of Pietsch- $q$ -integral operators. In [9], E. Dahia and K. Hamidi applied the theory of Pietsch- $q$ -integral operators to the Lipschitz case, investigating this theory and studying its basic properties.

In this paper, following the introduction, Section 2 extends the concept of  $q$ -nuclear linear operators in [20] and strongly Lipschitz  $q$ -nuclear linear operators in [5] to 2-Lipschitz mappings. We present a factorization theorem that extends a result obtained in [5]. Additionally, we prove that a 2-Lipschitz operator is  $q$ -nuclear if and only if its transpose is well-defined and  $q$ -nuclear, specifically when  $E$  is a reflexive Banach space. We also provide similar results

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for well-known operator ideals. Finally, in Section 3, we introduce the concept of 2-Lipschitz Pietsch- $q$ -integral operators, extending the notion of Pietsch- $q$ -integral in [3] and Lipschitz Pietsch- $q$ -integral operators in [9]. We establish a factorization theorem and demonstrate that this operator ideal is generated by the composition method from the operator ideal of Pietsch- $q$ -nuclear linear operators. Conclusively, we conclude the paper by demonstrating that every 2-Lipschitz  $q$ -nuclear operator is also a 2-Lipschitz Pietsch- $q$ -integral operator.

The notation used in this paper is generally standard. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be pointed metric spaces with a base point denoted by 0, and the metric denoted by  $d$ . Additionally, let  $E$  and  $F$  be Banach spaces over the field  $\mathbb{K}$  ( $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$ ) with dual spaces  $E^*$  and  $F^*$ , respectively. The Banach space  $E$  is considered as a pointed metric space with the distinguished point 0 and distance  $d(x, y) = \|x - y\|$ . The closed unit ball of  $E$  is denoted by  $B_E$ , and it is endowed with the pointwise topology.

Let  $\mathcal{L}(E, F)$  and  $Lip_0(X, E)$  denote the Banach spaces of all bounded linear operators and Lipschitz operators, respectively, with the usual operator norm and the Lipschitz norm. We use the notation  $Lip_0(X, \mathbb{K}) = X^\#$ , where  $X^\#$  is the Lipschitz dual of  $X$ . It is evident that  $\mathcal{L}(E, F)$  is a subspace of  $Lip_0(E, F)$ , and specifically,  $E^*$  is a subspace of  $E^\#$ . We reserve the symbol  $E \otimes F$  for the 2-fold tensor product of  $E$  and  $F$ , and  $E \otimes_\pi F$  for the completed projective tensor product of  $E$  and  $F$  (see [10, 22]) under the injective tensor norm  $\pi$  defined by  $\pi(u) = \inf \sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i\| \|y_i\|$ , where the infimum is taken over all representations of  $u \in E \otimes_\pi F$  in the form  $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \otimes y_i$  for all  $x_i \in E$  and  $y_i \in F$ .

A molecule on  $X$  is a real-valued function  $m$  with a finite support that satisfies the condition  $\sum_{x \in X} m(x) = 0$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{M}(X)$  the real linear space of all molecules on  $X$ . For each  $m = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i m_{x_i x'_i}$ , we define the norm  $\|m\|_{\mathcal{M}(X)} = \inf \sum_{i=1}^n |\alpha_i| d(x_i, x'_i)$ , where  $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , and the infimum is taken over all representations of the molecule  $m$ . The space  $\mathcal{A}(X)$  is the completion of the normed space  $(\mathcal{M}(X), \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{M}(X)})$ . It is well known that the space  $\mathcal{A}(X)$  is the predual of  $X^\#$ , i.e.  $\mathcal{A}(X)^*$  and  $X^\#$  are isometrically isomorphic (see [1]). Moreover, for  $T \in Lip_0(X, E)$ , there exists a unique continuous linear map  $T_L : \mathcal{A}(X) \rightarrow E$  such that  $T = T_L \circ \delta_X$  and  $\|T_L\| = Lip(T)$ , where  $\delta_X : X \rightarrow \mathcal{A}(X)$  is an isometric embedding from  $X$  into  $\mathcal{A}(X)$  defined by  $\delta_X(x) = m_{x0}$  (see [24, Theorem 2.2.4 (b)]).

We use the symbol  $BLip_0(X, Y; E)$  for the set of all two-Lipschitz (2-Lipschitz for short) operators  $T$  from  $X \times Y$  to  $E$  with  $T(0, y) = T(x, 0) = 0$ , such that for all constants  $C \geq 0$  we have

$$\|T(x, y) - T(x, y') - T(x', y) + T(x', y')\| \leq Cd(x, x')d(y, y').$$

The set  $BLip_0(X, Y; E)$  is a Banach space under the 2-Lipschitz operator norm  $BLip$  defined by

$$BLip(T) = \sup_{x \neq x', y \neq y'} \frac{\|T(x, y) - T(x, y') - T(x', y) + T(x', y')\|}{d(x, x')d(y, y')}$$

for all  $x, x' \in X, y, y' \in Y$ . For more details, we refer to [12, 13, 23].

The notion of 2-Lipschitz operator ideals can be found in [13, Definition 3.1]. An ideal of 2-Lipschitz mappings, denoted by  $\mathcal{I}_{BLip}$ , is a subclass of the class  $BLip_0$  such that for every pair of pointed metric spaces  $X$  and  $Y$ , and every Banach space  $E$ , the components

$$\mathcal{I}_{BLip}(X, Y; E) := BLip_0(X, Y; E) \cap \mathcal{I}$$

satisfy the following conditions:

- (i)  $\mathcal{I}_{BLip}(X, Y; E)$  is a vector subspace of  $BLip_0(X, Y; E)$ ,
- (ii) for any  $h \in X^\#$ ,  $g \in Y^\#$  and  $v \in E$ , the map  $h \cdot g \cdot v$  belongs to  $\mathcal{I}_{BLip}(X, Y; E)$ ,
- (iii) if  $h \in Lip_0(W, X)$ ,  $g \in Lip_0(Z, Y)$ ,  $T \in \mathcal{I}_{BLip}(X, Y; E)$  and  $U \in \mathcal{L}(E, H)$ , then the composition  $U \circ T \circ (h, g)$  is in  $\mathcal{I}_{BLip}(W, Z; H)$  (the ideal property).

A 2-Lipschitz operator ideal  $\mathcal{I}_{BLip}$  is a normed (Banach) 2-Lipschitz operator ideal if there is  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{I}_{BLip}} : \mathcal{I}_{BLip} \rightarrow [0, +\infty[$  that satisfies the following conditions:

- (i') the pair  $(\mathcal{I}_{BLip}(X, Y; E), \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{I}_{BLip}})$  is a normed (Banach) space and  $BLip(T) \leq \|T\|_{\mathcal{I}_{BLip}}$  for all  $T \in \mathcal{I}_{BLip}(X, Y; E)$  and for every pointed metric spaces  $X, Y$  and every Banach space  $E$ ,
- (ii')  $\|Id_{\mathbb{K}^2}\|_{\mathcal{I}_{BLip}} = 1$ , where  $Id_{\mathbb{K}^2} : \mathbb{K} \times \mathbb{K} \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$  is defined by  $Id_{\mathbb{K}^2}(\alpha, \beta) = \alpha\beta$ ,
- (iii') if  $h \in Lip_0(W, X)$ ,  $g \in Lip_0(Z, Y)$ ,  $T \in \mathcal{I}_{BLip}(X, Y; E)$  and  $U \in \mathcal{L}(E, H)$ , then the inequality  $\|U \circ T \circ (h, g)\|_{\mathcal{I}_{BLip}} \leq \|u\| \|T\|_{\mathcal{I}_{BLip}} Lip(h)Lip(g)$  holds.

**Proposition 1** ([13]). *A 2-Lipschitz mapping  $T \in BLip_0(X, Y; E)$  belongs to the composition 2-Lipschitz operator ideal  $\mathcal{A} \circ BLip_0$  if its linearization  $T_L$  belongs to  $\mathcal{A}(\mathcal{A}(X) \hat{\otimes}_{\pi} \mathcal{A}(Y), E)$ . Furthermore, we have  $\|T\|_{\mathcal{A} \circ BLip_0} = \|T_L\|_{\mathcal{A}}$ .*

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$  and  $1 \leq q < \infty$ . We write  $q^*$  for the extended real number that satisfies  $\frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{q^*} = 1$ . We denote by  $\ell_q^n(E)$  the Banach space of all sequences  $(v_j)_{j=1}^n$  in the Banach space  $E$  with the norm

$$\|(v_j)_{j=1}^n\|_q = \left( \sum_{j=1}^n \|v_j\|^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

and by  $\ell_{q,\omega}^n(E)$  the Banach space of all sequences  $(v_j)_{j=1}^n$  in  $E$  with the norm

$$\|(v_j)_{j=1}^n\|_{q,\omega} = \sup_{\varphi \in B_{E^*}} \left( \sum_{j=1}^n |\langle v_j, \varphi \rangle|^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

Now, we recall our definition for many concept used in this paper. The notion of  $q$ -nuclear linear operators was introduced by A. Persson in [17]. Given  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$ , a linear operator  $U : E \rightarrow F$  is  $q$ -nuclear [11, 17] if and only if  $U$  can be written in the form  $U = \sum_j x_j^* \otimes v_j$ , where  $(v_j)_j$  in  $F$  and  $(x_j^*)_j$  in  $E^*$  satisfy  $\|(x_j^*)_j\|_q < \infty$  and  $\|(v_j)_j\|_{w,q^*} < \infty$ .

Set

$$\mathcal{N}_q((x_j^*)_j, (v_j)_j) = \|(x_j^*)_j\|_q \|(v_j)_j\|_{w,q^*}.$$

We denote by  $\mathcal{N}_q(E, F)$  the collection of all  $q$ -nuclear operators endowed with the norm, defined by  $\nu_q(U) = \inf \mathcal{N}_q((x_j^*)_j, (v_j)_j)$ , where the infimum is taken over all representations of  $U$ . A linear operator  $U : E \rightarrow F$  is  $q$ -nuclear with  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$ , if there are two operators  $a \in \mathcal{L}(E, \ell_\infty)$ ,  $b \in \mathcal{L}(\ell_q, F)$  and a sequence  $\alpha \in \ell_q$  such that it admits a factorization

$$U : E \xrightarrow{a} \ell_\infty \xrightarrow{D_\alpha} \ell_q \xrightarrow{b} F,$$

where  $D_\alpha \in \mathcal{L}(\ell_\infty, \ell_q)$  is the diagonal operator defined by  $D_\alpha(\zeta_n) = (\alpha_n \zeta_n)_n$ ,  $(\zeta_n)_n \in \ell_\infty$ . Moreover,  $\nu_q(U) = \inf \|a\| \|D_\alpha\| \|b\|$ , where the infimum being extended over all factorizations as above.

For  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$ , a mapping  $T \in Lip_0(X, E)$  is called strongly Lipschitz  $q$ -nuclear (see [5]) if it can be written in the form  $T = \sum_j f_j \otimes v_j$ , where  $(v_j)_j$  in  $E$  and  $(f_j)_j$  in  $X^\#$  satisfy  $\|(Lip(f_j))_j\|_q < \infty$  and  $\|(v_j)_j\|_{w,q^*} < \infty$ .

Set

$$\mathcal{N}_q^L((f_j)_j, (v_j)_j) = \|(Lip(f_j))_j\|_q \|(v_j)_j\|_{w,q^*}.$$

The Banach space of such operators is denoted by  $\mathcal{SN}_q^L(X, E)$  under the norm, defined by  $sv_q^L(T) = \inf \mathcal{N}_q^L((f_j)_j, (v_j)_j)$ , where the infimum is taken over all representations of  $T$ .

A Lipschitz operator  $T : X \rightarrow E$  is strongly Lipschitz  $q$ -nuclear with  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$  (see [5, Theorem 2.2]), if there are a Lipschitz map  $A \in Lip_0(X, \ell_\infty)$ , a linear map  $B \in \mathcal{L}(\ell_q, E)$  and a sequence  $\alpha \in \ell_q$  such that the following factorization

$$T : X \xrightarrow{A} \ell_\infty \xrightarrow{D_\alpha} \ell_q \xrightarrow{B} E$$

holds. We set  $sv_q^L(T) = \inf \|B\| \|D_\alpha\| Lip(A)$ , where the infimum being extended over all factorizations as above.

A linear operator  $U : E \rightarrow F$  is Pietsch- $q$ -integral with  $1 \leq q < \infty$ , if there are a regular Borel probability measure space  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \nu)$ , and two linear operators  $a \in \mathcal{L}(E, L_\infty(\nu))$ ,  $b \in \mathcal{L}(L_q(\nu), F)$  such that the following factorization

$$U : E \xrightarrow{a} L_\infty(\nu) \xrightarrow{i_q} L_q(\nu) \xrightarrow{b} F$$

holds, where  $i_q$  is the canonical mapping. We denoted by  $\mathcal{PI}_q(E, F)$  the collection of all Pietsch- $q$ -integral operators endowed with the norm  $\|U\|_{\mathcal{PI}_q}$ , defined by

$$\|U\|_{\mathcal{PI}_q} = \inf \|a\| \|b\|,$$

where the infimum is taken over all factorizations of  $U$ . If we consider a finite regular Borel measure space  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \nu)$ , then for  $U \in \mathcal{PI}_q(E, F)$  we infer that

$$\|U\|_{\mathcal{PI}_q} = \inf \|a\| \|b\| \nu(\Omega)^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

A Lipschitz operator  $T : X \rightarrow E$  is Pietsch- $q$ -integral with  $1 \leq q < \infty$  (see [9, Definition 2.1]), if there are a regular Borel probability measure space  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \nu)$ , a Lipschitz map  $A \in Lip_0(X, L_\infty(\nu))$  and a linear map  $B \in \mathcal{L}(L_q(\nu), E)$  such that the following factorization

$$T : X \xrightarrow{A} L_\infty(\nu) \xrightarrow{i_q} L_q(\nu) \xrightarrow{B} E$$

holds. The Banach space of such operators is denoted by  $\mathcal{PI}_q^L(X, E)$  under the norm, defined by

$$\|T\|_{\mathcal{PI}_q^L} = \inf Lip(A) \|B\|,$$

where the infimum is taken over all factorizations of  $T$ . If we consider a finite regular Borel measure space  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \nu)$ , then for  $T \in \mathcal{PI}_q^L(X, E)$  we infer that

$$\|T\|_{\mathcal{PI}_q^L} = \inf Lip(A) \|B\| \nu(\Omega)^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

## 2 2-Lipschitz $q$ -nuclear operators

The objective of this section is to introduce the concept of strongly 2-Lipschitz  $q$ -nuclear mappings. This introduction is essential for our investigation into the factorization theorem and its applications. We establish a proof demonstrating that the transpose of a strongly Lipschitz  $q$ -nuclear operator is itself  $q$ -nuclear, and we explore its relationships with other operator ideals.

### 2.1 Definition and basic properties

**Definition 1.** Let  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$  and  $T : X \times Y \longrightarrow E$  be a 2-Lipschitz operator. We say that  $T$  is a 2-Lipschitz  $q$ -nuclear operator if it can be written in the form

$$T(x, y) = \sum_j f_j(x) g_j(y) \otimes v_j \quad (1)$$

for all  $x \in X, y \in Y$ , where  $(f_j)_j \in X^\#$ ,  $(g_j)_j \in Y^\#$  and  $(v_j)_j \in E$  satisfy the following conditions  $\|(Lip(f_j)Lip(g_j))_j\|_q < \infty$  and  $\|(v_j)_j\|_{w,q^*} < \infty$ .

Set

$$\mathcal{N}_q^{BL}((f_j)_j, (g_j)_j, (v_j)_j) = \|(Lip(f_j)Lip(g_j))_j\|_q \|(v_j)_j\|_{w,q^*}.$$

We will denote this set of mappings as  $\mathcal{SN}_q^{BL}(X, Y; E)$  and equip it with the norm

$$sv_q^{BL}(T) = \inf \mathcal{N}_q^{BL}((f_j)_j, (g_j)_j, (v_j)_j),$$

where the infimum is taken over all possible representations of  $T$  as described in (1).

The next remark collects some elementary facts about 2-Lipschitz  $q$ -nuclear operators.

**Remark 1.** Every Lipschitz map  $T$  from  $X$  to  $E$  is Lipschitz strongly  $q$ -nuclear mapping.

**Remark 2.** As an easy consequence of the Definition 1 we infer that

$$BLip(T) \leq sv_q^{BL}(T)$$

for each  $T \in \mathcal{SN}_q^{BL}(X, Y; E)$ .

**Theorem 1.**  $\mathcal{SN}_q^{BL}(X, Y; E)$  is a normed space of 2-Lipschitz  $q$ -nuclear operators.

*Proof.* It is clear that for any operator  $T \in BLip_0(X, Y; E)$  and any scalar  $\lambda$  we have  $sv_q^{BL}(T) \geq 0$  and  $sv_q^{BL}(\lambda T) = |\lambda| sv_q^{BL}(T)$ .

Let  $T_1, T_2 \in \mathcal{SN}_q^{BL}(X, Y; E)$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ . We can write  $T_i = \sum_j f_{j,i} g_{j,i} \otimes v_{j,i}$  for each  $i = 1, 2$ . By homogeneity, it is possible to choose representations of  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  such that for  $i = 1, 2$  we have

$$\|(Lip(f_{j,i})Lip(g_{j,i}))_j\|_q \leq (sv_q^{BL}(T_i) + \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{q^*}} \quad \text{and} \quad \|v_{i,j}\|_{w,q^*} \leq (sv_q^{BL}(T_i) + \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{q^*}}.$$

Consequently,

$$\|(Lip(f_{j,i})Lip(g_{j,i}))_j\|_q \leq (sv_q^{BL}(T_1) + sv_q^{BL}(T_2) + \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{q^*}},$$

$$\|v_{i,j}\|_{w,q^*} \leq (sv_q^{BL}(T_1) + sv_q^{BL}(T_2) + \varepsilon)^{\frac{1}{q^*}}.$$

Then

$$\| (Lip(f_{j,i})Lip(g_{j,i}))_j \|_q \|v_{i,j}\|_{w,q^*} \leq sv_q^{BL}(T_1) + sv_q^{BL}(T_2) + 2\varepsilon,$$

which means that

$$sv_q^{BL}(T_1 + T_2) \leq sv_q^{BL}(T_1) + sv_q^{BL}(T_2) + 2\varepsilon.$$

□

The next theorem establishes an interesting relationship between a 2-Lipschitz  $q$ -nuclear map and its linearization.

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $X, Y$  be pointed metric spaces and  $E$  be a Banach space. Let  $T \in BLip_0(X, Y; E)$ . Then  $T$  is 2-Lipschitz  $q$ -nuclear if and only if its linearization  $T_L : \mathcal{A}(X) \widehat{\otimes}_\pi \mathcal{A}(Y) \rightarrow E$  is  $q$ -nuclear.*

*Moreover, we have  $sv_q^{BL}(T) = v_q(T_L)$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $\mathcal{N}_q(\mathcal{A}(X) \widehat{\otimes}_\pi \mathcal{A}(Y), E)$  is a normed operator ideal (see [17]) and  $T \in BLip_0(X, Y; E)$ , by utilizing [13, Theorem 3.5], we can establish the equivalence mentioned above with the necessary norm. □

As a consequence, we obtain the following corollary, which is a straightforward result of the preceding theorem and [13, Proposition 3.6].

**Corollary 1.**  *$(\mathcal{SN}_q^{BL}, sv_q^{BL}(\cdot))$  is a 2-Lipschitz operator ideal, generated by the composition method from the Banach operator ideal  $\mathcal{N}_q$ , i.e.*

$$\mathcal{SN}_q^{BL}(X, Y; E) = \mathcal{N}_q \circ BLip_0(X, Y; E)$$

for all pointed metric spaces  $X, Y$  and a Banach space  $E$ .

## 2.2 Factorization theorem and applications

Using some standard techniques from [5, Theorem 2.2.] (see also [2, Theorem 5.1]), we can establish that any 2-Lipschitz  $q$ -nuclear operator satisfying the factorization theorem. For the convenience of the reader, we present the proof below.

**Theorem 3.** *For  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$ , a 2-Lipschitz mapping  $T \in BLip_0(X, Y; E)$  is 2-Lipschitz  $q$ -nuclear if there are 2-Lipschitz operator  $A \in BLip_0(X, Y; \ell_\infty)$  and a linear operator  $B \in \mathcal{L}(\ell_q, E)$  such that the following diagram*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X \times Y & \xrightarrow{T} & E \\ A \downarrow & & \uparrow B \\ \ell_\infty & \xrightarrow{D_\alpha} & \ell_q \end{array} \quad (2)$$

is commutative. Moreover, in this case

$$sv_q^{BL}(T) = \inf \|B\| \|D_\alpha\| BLip(A),$$

where the infimum is taken over all factorizations as in (2).

*Proof.* Let us first prove the easier sufficient part. Suppose that  $T \in \mathcal{SN}_q^{BL}(X, Y; E)$ . Then it follows from Theorem 2 that  $T_L \in \mathcal{N}_q(\mathcal{A}(X) \widehat{\otimes}_\pi \mathcal{A}(Y), E)$ . Consider the canonical bilinear mapping  $\sigma_2$  from  $\mathcal{A}(X) \times \mathcal{A}(Y)$  into  $\mathcal{A}(X) \widehat{\otimes}_\pi \mathcal{A}(Y)$  defined by  $\sigma_2(m_1, m_2) = m_1 \otimes m_2$ , where  $m_1 \in \mathcal{A}(X)$  and  $m_2 \in \mathcal{A}(Y)$ . It is clear that  $\sigma_2 \in BLip_0(\mathcal{A}(X), \mathcal{A}(Y); \mathcal{A}(X) \widehat{\otimes}_\pi \mathcal{A}(Y))$  with the norm  $BLip(\sigma_2) \leq 1$ . Moreover, using (1), the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X \times Y & \xrightarrow{T} & E \\
 \downarrow A & \searrow \sigma_2 \circ (\delta_X, \delta_Y) & \nearrow T_L \\
 & \mathcal{A}(X) \widehat{\otimes}_\pi \mathcal{A}(Y) & \\
 & \nearrow a & \\
 \ell_\infty & \xrightarrow{D_\alpha} & \ell_q
 \end{array}
 \quad \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ B \\ \\ \end{array}$$

can be deduced.

Hence, we can see that  $T = BD_\alpha A$ , where  $A = a \circ \sigma_2 \circ (\delta_X, \delta_Y) \in BLip_0(X, Y; \ell_\infty)$  with  $BLip(A) \leq \|a\|$  and  $\|B\| \|D_\alpha\| BLip(A) \leq \|B\| \|D_\alpha\| \|a\| \leq \nu_q(T_L) + \varepsilon = s\nu_q^{BL}(T) + \varepsilon$ .

Let us now prove the more involved necessary part. Assume that  $T \in \mathcal{SN}_q^{BL}(X, Y; E)$ . Then there exist a 2-Lipschitz operator  $A \in BLip_0(X, Y; \ell_\infty)$ , and linear operators  $B \in \mathcal{L}(\ell_q, E)$ ,  $D_\alpha \in \mathcal{L}(\ell_\infty, \ell_q)$  such that  $T = AD_\alpha B$  and  $s\nu_q^{BL}(T) \leq \|B\| \|D_\alpha\| BLip(A)$ .

Consider the bilinear symmetric mapping  $D : \ell_\infty \times \ell_\infty \rightarrow \ell_\infty$  defined by

$$D(\gamma_j, \xi_j) = (\gamma_j \xi_j)_{j=1}^\infty, \quad (\gamma_j) \in \ell_\infty, \quad (\xi_j) \in \ell_\infty,$$

with the norm equal to one. Define  $A : X \times Y \rightarrow \ell_\infty$  by

$$A(x, y) = D((A_1(x))_j, (A_2(y))_j) = ((A_1(x))_j (A_2(y))_j)_{j=1}^\infty,$$

where  $A_1 \in Lip_0(X, \ell_\infty)$  and  $A_2 \in Lip_0(Y, \ell_\infty)$ . Clearly,  $A$  is a 2-Lipschitz mapping from  $X \times Y$  to  $\ell_\infty$  with  $A(x, 0) = A(0, y) = 0$  and  $BLip(T) = Lip(A_1) Lip(A_2)$ .

If  $D_\alpha = \sum_j \delta_j \beta_j v_j \otimes v_j$  such that  $\alpha = (\delta_j \beta_j)_j \in \ell_p$  with  $p < \infty$  and  $\alpha = (\delta_j \beta_j)_j \in c_0$  with  $p = \infty$ , then for all  $x \in X, y \in Y$  we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(x, y) &= BD_\alpha A(x, y) = \sum_j \delta_j \beta_j \langle A(x, y), v_j \rangle B(v_j) \\
 &= \sum_j \delta_j \beta_j \langle D(A_1(x), A_2(y)), v_j \rangle B(v_j) = \sum_j \delta_j \langle A_1(x), v_j \rangle \beta_j \langle A_2(y), v_j \rangle B(v_j).
 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $f_j = \delta_j \langle A_1(\cdot), v_j \rangle$ ,  $g_j = \beta_j \langle A_2(\cdot), v_j \rangle$ . Then  $f_j \in X^\#, g_j \in Y^\#$  and  $T = \sum_j f_j g_j \otimes B(v_j)$ . For  $q = 1$ , we have

$$\sum_j Lip(f_j) Lip(g_j) \leq Lip(A_1) Lip(A_2) \|D_\alpha\| = BLip(A) \|D_\alpha\| \quad \text{and} \quad \sup_j \|B(v_j)\| \leq \|B\|.$$

For  $1 < q < \infty$ , we have

$$\left( \sum_j Lip(f_j)^q Lip(g_j)^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \leq Lip(A_1) Lip(A_2) \|D_\alpha\| = BLip(A) \|D_\alpha\|$$

and

$$\sup_{v^* \in B_{E^*}} \left( \sum_j |\langle v^*, B(v_j) \rangle|^{q^*} \right)^{\frac{1}{q^*}} = \sup_{v^* \in B_{E^*}} \left( \sum_j |\langle B^* v^*, v_j \rangle|^{q^*} \right)^{\frac{1}{q^*}} = \sup_{v^* \in B_{E^*}} \|B^* v^*\| = \|B\|.$$

For  $q = \infty$ , we have

$$\|D_\alpha\| = \sup_j |\delta_j \beta_j|, \quad \sup_j \text{Lip}(f_j) \text{Lip}(g_j) \leq \text{BLip}(A) \sup_j |\delta_j \beta_j|$$

and

$$\lim_j \text{Lip}(f_j) \text{Lip}(g_j) = 0.$$

Moreover,

$$\sup_{v^* \in B_{E^*}} \sum_j |\langle v^*, B(v_j) \rangle| = \sup_{v^* \in B_{E^*}} \sum_j |\langle B^* v^*, v_j \rangle| = \sup_{v^* \in B_{E^*}} \|B^* v^*\| = \|B\|.$$

Thus, for  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$ , we have

$$\mathcal{N}_q^{BL}((f_j)_j, (g_j)_j, (v_j)_j) \leq \|B\| \|D_\alpha\| \text{BLip}(A).$$

This implies that

$$sv_q^{BL}(T) \leq \inf \|B\| \|D_\alpha\| \text{BLip}(A).$$

□

The following result can be easily derived from Theorem 3.

**Proposition 2.** *Let  $1 < q \leq r \leq \infty$ . Then the inclusion  $\mathcal{SN}_q^{BL}(X, Y; E) \subset \mathcal{SN}_r^{BL}(X, Y; E)$  holds with  $sv_r^{BL}(T) \leq sv_q^{BL}(T)$  for each  $T \in \mathcal{SN}_q^{BL}(X, Y; E)$ .*

*Proof.* The proof may be achieved in the same way as in the proof of [2, Proposition 5.1]. □

A definition of the adjoint of an  $m$ -linear operator has been proposed in [19, 21]. According to [19, Definition 2.5], we define the adjoint of a 2-Lipschitz map as follows. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be pointed metric spaces,  $E$  be a Banach space. Consider a 2-Lipschitz map  $T : X \times Y \rightarrow E$ . We define the adjoint of  $T$  by

$$T^t : E^* \rightarrow \text{BLip}_0(X, Y), \quad v^* \mapsto T^t(v^*) : X \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$$

with  $T^t(v^*)(x, y) = v^*(T(x, y))$ . Then again  $\|T^t\| = \text{BLip}(T)$ .

We define the operator  $K : X \times Y \rightarrow \text{BLip}_0(X, Y)^*$  by  $K(x, y)(f) = f(x, y)$  for all  $f \in \text{BLip}_0(X, Y)$ . It is clear that  $K$  is a 2-Lipschitz operator with the 2-Lipschitz norm  $\leq 1$ . On the other hand, consider the canonical injection  $k_E : E \rightarrow E^{**}$ . Then, if  $T \in \text{BLip}_0(X, Y; E)$ , the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X \times Y & \xrightarrow{T} & E \\ K \downarrow & & \downarrow k_E \\ \text{BLip}_0(X, Y)^* & \xrightarrow{(T^t)^*} & E^{**} \end{array}$$

commutes, i.e.  $k_E \circ T = (T^t)^* \circ K$ .

The following theorem relates 2-Lipschitz  $q$ -nuclear with its adjoint.



**Theorem 4.** Let  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$  and  $T \in BLip_0(X, Y; E)$ . If  $E$  is a reflexive Banach space, then  $T$  is 2-Lipschitz  $q$ -nuclear if and only if  $T^t$  is  $q$ -nuclear and

$$sv_q^{BL}(T) = v_q(T^t).$$

*Proof.* Assume that  $T \in \mathcal{SN}_q^{BL}(X, Y; E)$ . Then, from Theorem 2,  $T_L \in \mathcal{N}_q(\mathcal{A}(X) \widehat{\otimes}_\pi \mathcal{A}(Y), E)$ . Thus, using [16, Proposition 1], we conclude that  $(T_L)^* \in \mathcal{N}_q(E^*, (\mathcal{A}(X) \widehat{\otimes}_\pi \mathcal{A}(Y))^*)$ , where  $v_q((T_L)^*) = v_q(T_L)$ . Therefore, we can easily factor  $T^t$ . The following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E^* & \xrightarrow{T^t} & BLip_0(X \times Y) \\ & \searrow (T_L)^* & \nearrow (\sigma_2 \circ (\delta_X, \delta_Y))^t \\ & (\mathcal{A}(X) \widehat{\otimes}_\pi \mathcal{A}(Y))^* & \end{array}$$

shows this factorization. Thus, we deduce that  $T^t \in \mathcal{N}_q(E^*, BLip(X, Y))$  and

$$v_q(T^t) = v_q((\sigma_2 \circ (\delta_X, \delta_Y))^t \circ (T_L)^*) \leq v_q((T_L)^*) \leq sv_q^{BL}(T). \quad (3)$$

Conversely, assume that  $T^t \in \mathcal{N}_q(E^*, BLip_0(X, Y))$ . Then  $(T^t)^* \in \mathcal{N}_q(BLip_0(X, Y)^*, E^{**})$ . Thus, the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} X \times Y & \xrightarrow{T} & E & \xrightarrow{k_E} & E^{**} \\ & \searrow K & & \nearrow (T^t)^* & \\ & BLip_0(X \times Y)^* & & & \\ a \circ K \downarrow & \nearrow a & & & \uparrow b \\ \ell_\infty & \xrightarrow{D_\alpha} & \ell_q & & \end{array}$$

commutes, where  $a \in \mathcal{L}(BLip_0(X \times Y)^*, \ell_\infty)$  and  $b \in \mathcal{L}(\ell_q, E^{**})$ .

Let  $A = a \circ K$ . Then  $A \in BLip_0(X \times Y; \ell_\infty)$  and  $BLip(A) \leq \|a\|$ . Then from Theorem 3, we deduce that  $T \in \mathcal{SN}_q^{BL}(X, Y; E)$  and

$$sv_q^{BL}(T) \leq \|b\| \|D_\alpha\| BLip(A) \leq \|b\| \|D_\alpha\| \|a\| \leq v_q(T^t). \quad (4)$$

Hence, one finds out from (3) and (4), that  $sv_q^{BL}(T) = v_q(T^t)$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 2.** Let  $1 < q \leq \infty$  and  $T \in BLip_0(X, Y; E)$ . Then we have the following statements.

- 1)  $k_E T \in \mathcal{NS}_q^{BL}(X, Y; E^{**})$  if and only if  $(T^t)^* \in \mathcal{N}_q(BLip_0(X, Y)^*, E^{**})$ .
- 2) If  $T \in \mathcal{NS}_q^{BL}(X, Y; E)$ , then  $(T^t)^* \in \mathcal{N}_q(BLip_0(X, Y)^*, E^{**})$ .

Following [13], a 2-Lipschitz map  $T \in BLip_0(X, Y; E)$  is 2-Lipschitz weakly compact if the set

$$\left\{ \frac{T(x, y) - T(x, y') - T(x', y) + T(x', y')}{d(x, x')d(y, y')}, x \neq x', y \neq y' \right\}$$

is weakly compact in  $E$ . We use  $BLip_{0, \mathcal{W}}(X, Y; E)$  to denote the set of 2-Lipschitz weakly compact operators from  $X \times Y$  to  $E$ .

J.S. Cohen [8, Corollary 2.2.5] has shown that  $q$ -nuclear operators are weakly compact. The next corollary follows immediately from Theorem 2 and [13, Theorem 4.3, Remark 4.5].

**Corollary 3.** Every 2-Lipschitz  $q$ -nuclear operator is 2-Lipschitz weakly compact.

**Proposition 3.** Let  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$  and  $T \in BLip_0(X, Y; E)$ . If  $T \in \mathcal{SN}_q^{BL}(X, Y; E)$ , then  $T^t \in \Pi_q(E^*, BLip_0(X, Y))$  with  $\pi_q(T^t) \leq sv_q^{BL}(T)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $T \in \mathcal{SN}_q^{BL}(X, Y; E)$ . Then it follows from Theorem 4, that  $T^t \in \mathcal{N}_q(E^*, BLip_0(X, Y))$ . Thus, using [11, Proposition 5.5, Corollary 5.24], we deduce that  $T^t \in \Pi_q(E^*, BLip_0(X, Y))$  and  $\pi_q(T^t) \leq \nu_q(T^t) \leq sv_q^{BL}(T)$ .  $\square$

K. Hamidi et. al. in [13] introduced the concept of strongly two-Lipschitz  $q$ -summing. For  $1 < q \leq \infty$ , a mapping  $T \in BLip_0(X, Y; E)$  is strongly 2-Lipschitz  $q$ -summing if there exist a Banach space  $F$  and a  $q^*$ -summing linear operator  $R : E^* \rightarrow F$  such that for all  $x, x' \in X$ ,  $y, y' \in Y$  and  $v^* \in E^*$  we have

$$\left| \langle T(x, y) - T(x, y') - T(x', y) + T(x', y'), v^* \rangle \right| \leq d(x, x') d(y, y') \|R(v^*)\|. \quad (5)$$

The Banach space of all such mappings is denoted by  $\mathcal{D}_q^{BL}(X, Y; E)$  and is endowed with the norm  $\|T\|_{\mathcal{D}_q^{BL}} = \inf \{ \pi_{q^*}(R) \}$ , where infimum is taken over all Banach spaces  $F$  and operators  $R$ , such that (5) holds.

**Proposition 4.** Let  $1 \leq q \leq \infty$  and let  $T \in BLip_0(X, Y; E)$ . If  $T \in \mathcal{SN}_q^{BL}(X, Y; E)$ , then  $T \in \mathcal{D}_q^{BL}(X, Y; E)$  with  $\|T\|_{\mathcal{D}_q^{BL}} \leq sv_q^{BL}(T)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $T \in \mathcal{SN}_q^{BL}(X, Y; E)$ . Then from Theorem 2 we get  $T_L \in \mathcal{N}_q(\mathcal{A}(X) \hat{\otimes}_{\pi} \mathcal{A}(Y), E)$ . Thus, using [8, Theorem 2.2.1], we infer that  $T_L \in \mathcal{D}_q(\mathcal{A}(X) \hat{\otimes}_{\pi} \mathcal{A}(Y), E)$  with  $\|T_L\|_{\mathcal{D}_q} \leq \nu_q(T_L)$ . By [13, Corollary 4.12], we deduce that  $T \in \mathcal{D}_q^{BL}(X, Y; E)$  and

$$\|T\|_{\mathcal{D}_q^{BL}} = \|T_L\|_{\mathcal{D}_q} \leq \nu_q(T_L) = sv_q^{BL}(T)$$

$\square$

### 3 2-Lipschitz Pietsch $q$ -integral operators

In this section, we extend the definition of the class of Pietsch- $q$ -integral operators (see [9]) to the 2-Lipschitz case, thereby establishing a new 2-Lipschitz operator ideal.

**Definition 2.** Let  $X, Y$  be pointed metric spaces, and  $E$  be a Banach space. Let  $1 \leq q < \infty$ . A 2-Lipschitz operator  $T \in BLip_0(X, Y; E)$  is called Pietsch- $q$ -integral if there exist regular Borel probability measure space  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \nu)$ , 2-Lipschitz operator  $A \in BLip_0(X, Y; L_{\infty}(\nu))$  and a linear mapping  $B \in \mathcal{L}(L_q(\nu), E)$ , such that the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X \times Y & \xrightarrow{T} & E \\ A \downarrow & & \uparrow B \\ L_{\infty}(\nu) & \xrightarrow{i_q} & L_q(\nu) \end{array} \quad (6)$$

commutes. We denote by  $\mathcal{PI}_q^{BL}(X, Y; E)$  the collection of all 2-Lipschitz Pietsch- $q$ -integral operators from  $X \times Y$  into  $E$ , and we set

$$\|T\|_{\mathcal{PI}_q^{BL}} = \inf \|B\|_{BLip(A)},$$

where the infimum is taken over all factorizations (6).

Notice, that the definition remains the same, if we consider a finite regular Borel measure space  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \nu)$ . In this case, for  $T \in \mathcal{PT}_q^{BL}(X, Y; E)$ , we have

$$\|T\|_{\mathcal{PT}_q^{BL}} = \inf \|B\| \nu(\Omega)^{\frac{1}{q}} BLip(A),$$

where the infimum is taken over all  $A$  and  $B$  as in (6).

Now, let us study the inclusion theorem. To establish this, it suffices to recall that for  $1 \leq q \leq r < \infty$ , a canonical mapping  $i_q$  can be factored as

$$i_q : L_\infty(\nu) \xrightarrow{i_r} L_r(\nu) \xrightarrow{i_{r,q}} L_q(\nu),$$

where  $i_{r,q} : L_r(\nu) \rightarrow L_q(\nu)$  is the canonical inclusion map. The combination of this fact with Definition 2 immediately yields the inclusion theorem as stated below.

**Corollary 4.** *Let  $1 \leq q \leq r < \infty$ . Then we have*

$$\mathcal{PT}_q^{BL}(X, Y; E) \subset \mathcal{PT}_r^{BL}(X, Y; E).$$

Moreover,  $\|T\|_{\mathcal{PT}_r^{BL}} \leq \|T\|_{\mathcal{PT}_q^{BL}}$  for all  $T \in \mathcal{PT}_q^{BL}(X, Y; E)$ .

The following auxiliary lemma is needed for next results.

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $J : \mathcal{M}(X) \widehat{\otimes}_\pi \mathcal{M}(Y) \rightarrow C(B_{X^\#} \times B_{Y^\#})$  be the operator defined by*

$$J(m^1 \otimes m^2)(f, g) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i (f(x_i) - f(x'_i)) \sum_{j=1}^s \beta_j (g(y_j) - g(y'_j))$$

for all  $m^1 = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i m_{x_i x'_i} \in \mathcal{M}(X)$ ,  $m^2 = \sum_{j=1}^s \beta_j m_{y_j y'_j} \in \mathcal{M}(Y)$ ,  $f \in B_{X^\#}$  and  $g \in B_{Y^\#}$ . Then  $J$  is an isometric embedding.

*Proof.* Since the isometric isomorphism between  $\mathcal{A}(Z)^*$  and  $Z^\#$  ( $Z = X$  or  $Y$ ) holds true through linearization, there exist  $h \in Z^\#$  and  $m^* \in \mathcal{A}(Z)^*$  such that  $h_L = m^*$ . Consequently, for all  $m^1 = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i m_{x_i x'_i} \in \mathcal{M}(X)$ ,  $m^2 = \sum_{j=1}^s \beta_j m_{y_j y'_j} \in \mathcal{M}(Y)$ ,  $f \in B_{X^\#}$  and  $g \in B_{Y^\#}$ , we can infer that

$$\begin{aligned} \|J(m^1 \otimes m^2)\|_{C(B_{X^\#} \times B_{Y^\#})} &= \sup_{f \in B_{X^\#}, g \in B_{Y^\#}} |J(m^1 \otimes m^2)(f, g)| \\ &= \sup_{\|f_L\| \leq 1} \left| \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i f_L(m_{x_i x'_i}) \right| \sup_{\|g_L\| \leq 1} \left| \sum_{j=1}^s \beta_j g_L(m_{y_j y'_j}) \right| \\ &= \sup_{\|m_1^*\| \leq 1} |\langle m^1, m_1^* \rangle| \sup_{\|m_2^*\| \leq 1} |\langle m^2, m_2^* \rangle| \\ &= \|m^1\|_{\mathcal{A}(X)} \|m^2\|_{\mathcal{A}(Y)} = \|m^1\|_{\mathcal{M}(X)} \|m^2\|_{\mathcal{M}(Y)} \\ &= \|m^1 \otimes m^2\|_{\mathcal{M}(X) \widehat{\otimes}_\pi \mathcal{M}(Y)}. \end{aligned}$$

The proof is finished.  $\square$

We now establish one of our main results. In fact, in what follows, we provide a characterization of 2-Lipschitz integral operators through a factorization scheme that emphasizes the significance of the spaces  $C(B_{X^\#} \times B_{Y^\#})$  and  $L_q(\mu)$ .

**Theorem 5.** Let  $T : X \times Y \longrightarrow E$  be a 2-Lipschitz operator. Then  $T$  is a 2-Lipschitz Pietsch- $q$ -integral if and only if there exist a regular Borel probability product measure  $\mu$  on  $B_{X^\#} \times B_{Y^\#}$  and a linear operator  $\tilde{B} \in \mathcal{L}(L_q(\mu), E)$ , such that the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X \times Y & \xrightarrow{T} & E \\ S \downarrow & & \uparrow \tilde{B} \\ C(B_{X^\#} \times B_{Y^\#}) & \xrightarrow{j_q} & L_q(\mu) \end{array} \quad (7)$$

commutes, where  $j_q$  is the natural inclusion and  $S$  is a 2-Lipschitz mapping defined by  $S(x, y)(f, g) = f(x)g(y)$  with  $BLip(S) \leq 1$ . Moreover,

$$\|T\|_{\mathcal{PT}_q^{BL}} = \inf \{ \|\tilde{B}\| : T = \tilde{B} \circ j_q \circ S \}.$$

*Proof.* We use the symbol  $\Theta$  for the proposed infimum. Let us assume that  $T$  admits a factorization (7). Then there exist regular Borel probability measure  $\mu$  on  $B_{X^\#} \times B_{Y^\#}$  and a linear map  $\tilde{B} \in \mathcal{L}(L_q(\mu), E)$ , such that

$$T : X \times Y \xrightarrow{S} C(B_{X^\#} \times B_{Y^\#}) \xrightarrow{j_q} L_q(\mu) \xrightarrow{\tilde{B}} E.$$

Note that if  $j_\infty$  is the canonical inclusion map from  $C(B_{X^\#} \times B_{Y^\#})$  to  $L_\infty(\mu)$ , then we infer the following factorization

$$j_q = i_q \circ j_\infty : C(B_{X^\#} \times B_{Y^\#}) \xrightarrow{j_\infty} L_\infty(\mu) \xrightarrow{i_q} L_q(\mu).$$

On the other hand, we set  $A = j_\infty \circ S$ . In addition, it follows that  $A \in BLip_0(X, Y; L_\infty(\mu))$  and  $BLip(A) \leq 1$ . The factorization  $T = \tilde{B} \circ i_q \circ A$  shows that  $T$  is a 2-Lipschitz Pietsch- $q$ -integral operator and

$$\|T\|_{\mathcal{PT}_q^{BL}} \leq \|\tilde{B}\| BLip(A) \leq \|\tilde{B}\|.$$

Passing to the infimum, we get  $\|T\|_{\mathcal{PT}_q^{BL}} \leq \Theta$ .

Next, we prove the sufficient part. If  $T \in \mathcal{PT}_q^{BL}(X, Y; E)$ , then the factorization

$$T : X \times Y \xrightarrow{A} L_\infty(\mu) \xrightarrow{i_q} L_q(\mu) \xrightarrow{B} E$$

holds for  $A \in BLip_0(X, Y; L_\infty(\mu))$ ,  $B \in \mathcal{L}(L_q(\mu), E)$  and  $\|B\| BLip(A) \leq \|T\|_{\mathcal{PT}_q^{BL}} + \varepsilon$  for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

Since  $A$  is a 2-Lipschitz, its linearization  $A_L : \mathcal{A}(X) \hat{\otimes}_\pi \mathcal{A}(Y) \longrightarrow L_\infty(\mu)$  is a well-defined operator with norm  $\|A_L\| = BLip(A)$  (see [13, Theorem 2.6, Remark 2.7]) and  $J$  is an isometric embedding defined in Lemma 1. The natural extension to  $\mathcal{A}(X) \hat{\otimes}_\pi \mathcal{A}(Y)$  we denote also by  $J$ . The injectivity of  $L_\infty(\mu)$  assures the existence of a linear operator  $\tilde{A}_L \in \mathcal{L}(C(B_{X^\#} \times B_{Y^\#}), L_\infty(\mu))$  that extends  $A_L$  with  $\|\tilde{A}_L\| = \|A_L\|$ , that is  $A_L = \tilde{A}_L \circ J$ . By using the fact that  $i_q$  is  $q$ -summing operator with  $q$ -summing norm equal to one, we infer that  $i_q \circ \tilde{A}_L$  is the same with  $\pi_q(i_q \circ \tilde{A}_L) \leq \|\tilde{A}_L\|$ .

Again, from [11, Corollary 2.15], we conclude that there is a regular Borel probability measure  $\mu$  on  $B_{X^\#} \times B_{Y^\#}$ . Also, there exists a linear operator  $R \in \mathcal{L}(L_q(\mu), L_q(\nu))$ , such that

$$i_q \circ \tilde{A}_L = R \circ j_q : C(B_{X^\#} \times B_{Y^\#}) \xrightarrow{j_q} L_q(\mu) \xrightarrow{R} L_q(\nu),$$

where  $\pi_q(i_q \circ \widetilde{A}_L) = \|R\|$ . This implies the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & X \times Y & \xrightarrow{T} & E & \\
 \sigma_2 \circ (\delta_X, \delta_Y) \swarrow & \downarrow A & & \uparrow B & \\
 \mathcal{A}\mathcal{E}(X) \widehat{\otimes}_{\pi} \mathcal{A}\mathcal{E}(Y) & \xrightarrow{A_L} & L_{\infty}(\nu) & \xrightarrow{i_q} & L_q(\nu) \\
 & \uparrow \widetilde{A}_L & & \uparrow R & \\
 & C(B_{X^{\#}} \times B_{Y^{\#}}) & \xrightarrow{j_q} & L_q(\mu) & 
 \end{array}$$

Therefore,

$$T = B \circ i_q \circ A = B \circ R \circ j_q \circ J \circ \sigma_2 \circ (\delta_X, \delta_Y).$$

Now, take  $\widetilde{B} = B \circ R$  and  $S = J \circ \sigma_2 \circ (\delta_X, \delta_Y)$ . It is clear that  $S \in BLip_0(X, Y, C(B_{X^{\#}} \times B_{Y^{\#}}))$  with the norm  $BLip(S) \leq 1$ . As the result,  $T$  admits a factorization of the form (7). Then we get

$$\Theta \leq \|\widetilde{B}\| \leq \|B\| \pi_q(i_q \circ \widetilde{A}_L) \leq \|B\| \|\widetilde{A}_L\| = \|B\| BLip(A) \leq \|T\|_{\mathcal{PI}_q^{BL}} + \varepsilon.$$

Letting  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , we get  $\Theta \leq \|T\|_{\mathcal{PI}_q^{BL}}$ . □

From Theorem 5 and [11, Corollary 2.15], we easily obtain the following corollary.

**Corollary 5.** Let  $1 \leq p < +\infty$ . A 2-Lipschitz  $T \in BLip(X, Y; E)$  is Pietsch- $p$ -integral if and only if there is an operator  $S \in \mathcal{I}_q(C(B_{X^{\#}} \times B_{Y^{\#}}), E)$ , such that  $T = R \circ S$ , where  $S$  is 2-Lipschitz with the natural inclusion of  $X \times Y$  into  $C(B_{X^{\#}} \times B_{Y^{\#}})$ . Moreover,

$$\|T\|_{\mathcal{PI}_q^{BL}} = \inf \|R\|_{\mathcal{I}_q},$$

where the infimum is taken over all possible  $S \in \mathcal{I}_q(C(B_{X^{\#}} \times B_{Y^{\#}}), E)$ .

The next theorem gives an interesting relationship between the Pietsch integrability of a 2-Lipschitz operator and the Pietsch integrability of its linearization.

**Theorem 6.** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be pointed metric spaces,  $E$  be a Banach space. Let  $T \in BLip_0(X, Y; E)$  be such that the following conditions are equivalent:

- (1)  $T$  is a 2-Lipschitz Pietsch- $q$ -integral,
- (2)  $T_L : \mathcal{A}\mathcal{E}(X) \widehat{\otimes}_{\pi} \mathcal{A}\mathcal{E}(Y) \longrightarrow E$  is a Pietsch- $q$ -integral.

Then

$$\|T\|_{\mathcal{PI}_q^{BL}} = \|T_L\|_{\mathcal{PI}_q}.$$

*Proof.* (2)  $\implies$  (1) Suppose that  $T_L \in \mathcal{PI}_q(\mathcal{A}\mathcal{E}(X) \widehat{\otimes}_{\pi} \mathcal{A}\mathcal{E}(Y), E)$ . Then, by applying [18, Theorem 18], we already have a typical factorization of  $T_L$ , namely

$$T_L = B \circ i_q \circ R : \mathcal{A}\mathcal{E}(X) \widehat{\otimes}_{\pi} \mathcal{A}\mathcal{E}(Y) \xrightarrow{R} L_{\infty}(\mu) \xrightarrow{i_q} L_q(\mu) \xrightarrow{A} E,$$

such that  $B \in \mathcal{L}(L_q(\mu), E)$  and  $R \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}\mathcal{E}(X) \widehat{\otimes}_{\pi} \mathcal{A}\mathcal{E}(Y), L_{\infty}(\mu))$  with  $\|A\| \|R\| \leq \|T_L\|_{\mathcal{PI}_q} + \varepsilon$  for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Consider the mapping  $A := R \circ \sigma_2 \circ (\delta_X, \delta_Y) : X \times Y \longrightarrow L_{\infty}(\mu)$ . It is easy

to verify that  $A$  is a 2-Lipschitz operator and  $Lip(A) \leq \|R\|$ . And so, by the factorization  $T = T_L \circ \sigma_2 \circ (\delta_X, \delta_Y) = B \circ i_q \circ A$ , we conclude that  $T \in \mathcal{PI}_q^{BL}(X, Y; E)$  and

$$\|T\|_{\mathcal{PI}_q^{BL}} \leq \|B\| BLip(A) \leq \|T_L\|_{\mathcal{PI}_q} + \varepsilon.$$

(1) $\implies$ (2) Assume that  $T \in \mathcal{PI}_q^{BL}(X, Y; E)$ . Then for  $\varepsilon > 0$  choose the following factorization of  $T$

$$T = B \circ i_q \circ A : X \times Y \xrightarrow{A} L_\infty(\mu) \xrightarrow{i_q} L_q(\mu) \xrightarrow{B} E,$$

such that  $B \in \mathcal{L}(L_q(\mu), E)$  and  $A \in BLip_0(X, Y; L_\infty(\mu))$  with  $\|B\| BLip(A) \leq \|T\|_{\mathcal{PI}_q^{BL}} + \varepsilon$ . Then we can apply the uniqueness of linearization to infer that

$$T_L = (B \circ i_q \circ A)_L = B \circ i_q \circ A_L.$$

This shows that  $T_L \in \mathcal{PI}_q(\mathcal{A}(X) \widehat{\otimes} \pi \mathcal{A}(Y), E)$  and

$$\|T_L\|_{\mathcal{PI}_q} \leq \|B\| \|A_L\| = \|B\| BLip(A) \leq \|T\|_{\mathcal{PI}_q^{BL}} + \varepsilon.$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

The following result is a direct consequence of Theorem 6 and Proposition 1.

**Corollary 6.** *The 2-Lipschitz operator ideal  $\mathcal{PI}_q^{BL}(X, Y; E)$  is generated by the composition method from the operator ideal  $\mathcal{PI}_q$ , i.e.*

$$\mathcal{PI}_q^{BL}(X, Y; E) = \mathcal{PI}_q \circ BLip_0(X, Y; E)$$

for all pointed metric spaces  $X, Y$  and Banach space  $E$ .

We now give a slightly different factorization for Pietsch- $p$ -integral 2-Lipschitz operators. The proof of the following is inspired by [7, Theorem 2.11].

**Theorem 7.** *Let  $1 \leq q < \infty$ . Let  $T : X \times Y \longrightarrow E$  be a 2-Lipschitz mapping. Then the following assertions are equivalent:*

- (1)  $T \in \mathcal{PI}_q^{BL}(X, Y; E)$ ,
- (2) *there exist a finite nonnegative regular countably additive Borel measures  $\nu_1$  on  $K_1$ ,  $\nu_2$  on  $K_2$  and  $\nu$  on  $K_1 \times K_2$ , and a linear map  $B : L_q(\nu) \longrightarrow E$ , such that the following diagram*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X \times Y & \xrightarrow{T} & E \\ \iota_X \times \iota_Y \downarrow & & \uparrow B \\ C(K_1) \times C(K_2) & \xrightarrow{S} C(K_1 \times K_2) \xrightarrow{j_q} & L_q(\nu) \end{array}$$

commutes, where  $S$  is the 2-Lipschitz given by

$$S(f, g) = fg$$

for all  $(f, g) \in C(K_1) \times C(K_2)$ ,

- (3) there are a finite measure spaces  $(\Omega_1, \Sigma_1, \nu_1)$ ,  $(\Omega_2, \Sigma_2, \nu_2)$  and  $(\Omega, \Sigma, \nu)$ , a linear mapping  $B : L_q(\mu) \rightarrow E$ , and two Lipschitz mappings  $A_1 : X \rightarrow L_\infty(\nu_1)$  and  $A_2 : X \rightarrow L_\infty(\nu_2)$ , such that the following diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X \times Y & \xrightarrow{T} & E \\ A_1 \times A_2 \downarrow & & \uparrow B \\ L_\infty(\nu_1) \times L_\infty(\nu_2) & \xrightarrow{A} L_\infty(\nu) \xrightarrow{i_q} & L_q(\nu) \end{array}$$

commutes, where  $A$  is the 2-Lipschitz, given by

$$A(f, g) = fg$$

for all  $(f, g) \in L_\infty(\nu_1) \times L_\infty(\nu_2)$ .

In addition, we can choose  $B$  in (3) such that

$$\|T\|_{\mathcal{PI}_q^{BL}} = \inf \text{Lip}(A_1) \text{Lip}(A_2) \nu(\Omega)^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

where the infimum is taken over all factorizations as in (3) and

$$\|T\|_{\mathcal{PI}_q^{BL}} = \inf \nu(K_1 \times K_2)^{\frac{1}{q}},$$

where the infimum is taken over all factorizations as in (2).

*Proof.* (1) $\implies$ (2) By Theorem 5, there exist a regular Borel probability product measure  $\mu$  on  $B_{X^\#} \times B_{Y^\#}$  and a linear operator  $\tilde{B} \in \mathcal{L}(L_q(\mu), E)$  such that

$$T : X \times Y \xrightarrow{S} C(B_{X^\#} \times B_{Y^\#}) \xrightarrow{j_q} L_q(\mu) \xrightarrow{\tilde{B}} E,$$

where  $j_q$  is the natural inclusion. Consider the 2-Lipschitz  $S$  of the statement. Obviously,  $S(x, y) = R \circ (\iota_X(x), \iota_Y(y))$  for all  $x \in X, y \in Y$  and we obtain a factorization as in (2).

(2) $\implies$ (3) Let  $T$  factors as in (2). Since  $j_q = i_q \circ j_\infty$ , where  $j_\infty : C(K_1 \times K_2) \rightarrow L_\infty(\nu)$  and  $i_q : L_\infty(\nu) \rightarrow L_q(\nu)$  are the natural inclusions. Letting  $A$  be as in the statement, and setting  $\Omega_1 := K_1, \Omega_2 := K_2, A_1 := j_\infty^1 \circ \iota_X$ , and  $A_2 := j_\infty^2 \circ \iota_Y$ , we obtain the factorization required in (3).

(3) $\implies$ (1) Since  $A$  can obviously be seen as the natural 2-Lipschitz associated with the identity on  $L_\infty(\nu)$ , the 2-Lipschitz  $B \circ i_q \circ A$  satisfies Definition 2, so it is 2-Lipschitz Pietsch- $q$ -integral. By the ideal property,  $T$  is 2-Lipschitz Pietsch- $q$ -integral too.  $\square$

**Proposition 5.** Let  $X, Y, W$  and  $Z$  be Banach spaces with  $X \subset W$  and  $Y \subset Z$ . Each 2-Lipschitz Pietsch- $q$ -integral operator admits a 2-Lipschitz Pietsch  $q$ -integral extension  $\tilde{T} : W \times Z \rightarrow E$  with  $\|T\|_{\mathcal{PI}_q^{BL}} = \|\tilde{T}\|_{\mathcal{PI}_q^{BL}}$ .

One can easily check the relation between 2-Lipschitz Pietsch- $q$ -integral operators and another Banach 2-Lipschitz operator ideal.

As an application of Theorem 6 and [13, Remark 4.5], we infer the following corollary.

**Corollary 7.** *Every 2-Lipschitz Pietsch- $q$ -integral operator is 2-Lipschitz weakly compact.*

*Proof.* Let  $T \in \mathcal{PI}_q^{BL}(X, Y; E)$ . Then we get from Theorem 6, that  $T_L$  is Pietsch- $q$ -integral. Since  $\mathcal{PI}_q(\mathcal{AE}(X) \widehat{\otimes}_{\pi} \mathcal{AE}(Y), E) \subset \mathcal{W}(\mathcal{AE}(X) \widehat{\otimes}_{\pi} \mathcal{AE}(Y), E)$  (see [3]), then by virtue of [13, Theorem 4.4 and Remark 4.5], we conclude that the  $T$  is weakly compact.  $\square$

**Proposition 6.** *Let  $1 \leq q < \infty$ . Every 2-Lipschitz  $q$ -nuclear is Pietsch- $q$ -integral and*

$$\|T\|_{\mathcal{PI}_q^{BL}} \leq \|T\|_{\mathcal{SN}_q^{BL}}.$$

*Proof.* Let  $T \in \mathcal{SN}_q^{BL}(X, Y; E)$  with the factorization as in Theorem 3, such that

$$\|B\| \|D_{\alpha}\| \leq \|T\|_{\mathcal{PI}_q^L} + \varepsilon,$$

where  $BLip(A) \leq 1$ . In this case,  $\ell_{\infty}$  and  $\ell_q$  are the spaces  $L_{\infty}(\mu)$  and  $L_q(\mu)$  with  $\mu$  being the counting measure on  $\mathbb{N}$ , respectively, and  $D_{\alpha} : L_{\infty}(\mu) \rightarrow L_q(\mu)$  is the multiplication operator induced by  $\alpha \in L_q(\mu)$ , i.e.  $D_{\alpha}(f) = \alpha \cdot f$ . We use [11, Page 111] to see that  $D_{\alpha}$  is a  $p$ -integral linear operator and  $\|D_{\alpha}\|_{\mathcal{I}_q} \leq \|D_{\alpha}\|$  and by the ideal property of  $B \circ D_{\alpha} \circ j_{\infty} \in \mathcal{I}_q(L_{\infty}(\mu), E)$ , where  $j_{\infty}$  is the canonical inclusion map from  $C(B_{X^{\#}} \times B_{Y^{\#}})$  to  $L_{\infty}(\mu)$ .

Thus, using Corollary 5, we conclude that  $T \in \mathcal{PI}_q^L(X, Y; E)$  and

$$\|T\|_{\mathcal{PI}_q^{BL}} \leq \|B \circ D_{\alpha} \circ j_{\infty}\|_{\mathcal{I}_q} \leq \|B\| \|D_{\alpha}\| \leq \|T\|_{\mathcal{SN}_q^{BL}} + \varepsilon.$$

If  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , we are done.  $\square$

**Open problem.** *Under which condition every 2-Lipschitz Pietsch- $q$ -integral is  $q$ -nuclear and*

$$\|T\|_{\mathcal{SN}_q^{BL}} \leq \|T\|_{\mathcal{PI}_q^{BL}}.$$

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У цій статті ми розширюємо поняття  $q$ -ядерності на 2-ліпшицеві відображення. Ми наводимо теорему факторизації та встановлюємо, що 2-ліпшицевий оператор є  $q$ -ядерним тоді і тільки тоді, коли його транспонований оператор існує та є  $q$ -ядерним. Додатково ми вводимо поняття 2-ліпшицевих Пітч- $q$ -інтегральних операторів, подаємо теорему факторизації та показуємо, що цей клас операторів породжується методом композиції. У підсумку доводиться, що кожен 2-ліпшицевий  $q$ -ядерний оператор є 2-ліпшицевим Пітч- $q$ -інтегральним оператором.

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