

On Quasi-Chebyshev Subspaces of Banach Spaces

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A quasi-Chebyshev subspace of a Banach space X has been defined as one in which the set of best approximants for every x in X is non-empty and compact. This generalizes the well known concept of pseudo-Chebyshev property. In this paper we shall give various characterizations of quasi-Chebyshev subspaces in Banach spaces. Moreover, we present a characterization of the spaces in which all closed linear subspaces are quasi-Chebyshev. © 2000 Academic Press

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1. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

Let X be a (complex or real) Banach space and let W be a linear subspace of X . A point $y_0 \in W$ is said to be a best approximation for $x \in X$ if

$$\|x - y_0\| = d(x, W) = \inf\{\|x - y\| : y \in W\}$$

If each $x \in X$ has at least one best approximation in W , then W is called a proximal subspace of X . If each $x \in X$ has a unique best approximation in W , then W is called a Chebyshev subspace of X . For $x \in X$, put

$$P_W(x) = \{y \in W : \|x - y\| = d(x, W)\}$$

It is clear that $P_W(x)$ is a bounded, closed and convex subset of X . For an arbitrary non-empty convex set A in X , we shall denote by

$$\ell(A) = \{\alpha x + (1 - \alpha)y : x, y \in A; \alpha \text{ is scalar}\}$$

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the linear manifold spanned by A . For every fixed $y \in A$ the set $\ell(A) - y = \{x - y : x \in \ell(A)\}$ is a linear subspace of X , satisfying $\ell(A - y) = \ell(A) - y$. The dimension of A is defined by $\dim A = \dim \ell(A)$. Then, for every $y \in A$ we have

$$\dim A = \dim \ell(A) = \dim[\ell(A) - y] = \dim \ell(A - y) = \dim(A - y)$$

(For more details see [8].)

We say that W is a pseudo-Chebyshev subspace of X if $P_W(x)$ is a non-empty and finite-dimensional set in X for each $x \in X$.

In particular, every finite-dimensional linear subspace and every k -Chebyshev subspace ($k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$) is pseudo-Chebyshev (for more details see [4, 8]). In [1] P. D. Morris has constructed examples of pseudo-Chebyshev subspaces of finite-codimensional of $\ell_{\mathbf{R}}^{\infty}$ which are not Chebyshev subspaces. In [7] there is a characterization of the spaces in which all closed linear subspaces are pseudo-Chebyshev.

A linear subspace W of a Banach space X is called quasi-Chebyshev if $P_W(x)$ is a non-empty and compact set in X for every $x \in X$ (see [2]). In [2] it is shown that every pseudo-Chebyshev subspace is quasi-Chebyshev, and given an example in which the converse is not true. For more details about quasi-Chebyshev subspaces see [2].

Let X^* be the dual space of the Banach space X . For $f \in X^*$, put

$$M_f = \{x \in X : f(x) = \|f\|, \|x\| = 1\}$$

It is clear that M_f is a bounded and closed subset of X .

We conclude this section by a list of known lemmas needed in the proof of the main results.

LEMMA 1.1 [8, Theorem 1.1]. *Let X be a normed linear space, W a linear subspace of X , $x \in X \setminus \bar{W}$ and $y_0 \in W$. Then $y_0 \in P_W(x)$ if and only if there exists $f \in X^*$ such that $\|f\| = 1$, $f|_W = 0$ and $f(x - y_0) = \|x - y_0\|$.*

LEMMA 1.2 [5; 8, Theorems 1 and 4]. *Let X be a normed linear space, W a linear subspace of X , $x \in X \setminus \bar{W}$ and $y_0 \in W$. Then $y_0 \in P_W(x)$ if and only if*

$$\|x - y_0\|_{W^\perp} = \|x - y_0\|$$

$$\text{where } \|x\|_{W^\perp} = \sup\{|f(x)| : \|f\| \leq 1, f \in W^\perp\}.$$

LEMMA 1.3 [6, 8]. *Let X be a normed linear space, W a linear subspace of X , $x \in X \setminus \bar{W}$ and F a subset of W . Then F is a subset of $P_W(x)$ if and only*

if there exists $f \in X^*$ such that $\|f\| = 1, f|_W = 0$ and $f(x - y) = \|x - y\|$ for every $y \in F$.

LEMMA 1.4 [2, Theorem 2.4]. *Let X be a Banach space and let W be a proximal subspace of X . Then the following are equivalent:*

(1) W is quasi-Chebyshev in X .

(2) There do not exist $f \in X^*, x_0 \in X$ and a sequence $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ in X without a convergent subsequence and with $x_0 - x_n \in W$ ($n = 1, 2, \dots$) such that $\|f\| = 1, f|_W = 0$ and $f(x_n) = \|x_n\|$ for all $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$.

(3) There do not exist $f \in X^*, x_0 \in X$ and a sequence $\{g_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ in W without a convergent subsequence such that $\|f\| = 1, f|_W = 0$ and $f(x_0) = \|x_0\| = \|x_0 - g_n\|$ for all $n = 1, 2, \dots$.

2. MAIN RESULTS

Now, we are ready to state and prove our main results. In the following we give various characterizations of quasi-Chebyshev subspaces in Banach spaces. First, we use Lemma 1.4 and give another proof of a result in [3].

THEOREM 2.1. *Let X be a Banach space and let W be a proximal subspace of X with codimension one. Then the following are equivalent:*

(1) W is quasi-Chebyshev in X .

(2) Each sequence $\{y_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ in X with $\|y_n\| = 1$ and $0 \in P_W(y_n)$ ($n = 1, 2, \dots$) has a convergent subsequence.

Proof. See Theorem 2.5 below.

In the following, we need the following definitions.

DEFINITION 2.2. A linear subspace W of a Banach space X is said to have the property (C), if for every $f \in W^*$ the set

$$E_f = \{ \tilde{f} \in X^* : \tilde{f}|_W = f, \|\tilde{f}\| = \|f\| \}$$

is non-empty and compact in X^* . (Note that E_f is convex for every $f \in W^*$.)

DEFINITION 2.3. Let X be a Banach space. A linear subspace M of X^* is said to have the property (C*), if for every $x \in X \setminus {}^\perp M$ the set

$$D_x = \{ y \in X : f(y) = f(x) \text{ for all } f \in M; \|y\| = \|x\|_M \}$$

is non-empty and compact in X , where

$${}^{\perp}M = \{x \in X : f(x) = 0 \text{ for all } f \in M\}$$

and

$$\|x\|_M = \sup\{|f(x)| : \|f\| \leq 1, f \in M\}$$

(Note that \mathbf{D}_x is convex for every $x \in X \setminus {}^{\perp}M$.)

THEOREM 2.4. *Let X be a Banach space and let W be a proximal subspace of X . Then the following are equivalent:*

- (1) W is quasi-Chebyshev in X .
- (2) W^{\perp} has the property (\mathbf{C}^*) .

If the quotient space X/W is reflexive, then the above statements are equivalent to the following:

- (3) For every $A \in (W^{\perp})^*$ the set

$$\mathbf{S}_A = \{y \in X : f(y) = A(f) \text{ for all } f \in W^{\perp}; \|y\| = \|A\|\}$$

is non-empty and compact in X . (Note that \mathbf{S}_A is convex for every $A \in (W^{\perp})^$. Also, (3) implies (1) and (2) without the reflexivity of X/W .)*

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2). Suppose that (2) does not hold. Since W is proximal in X , by [8; Theorem 2.1] \mathbf{D}_x is non-empty for each $x \in X$. Then there exists $x_0 \in X \setminus W$ such that \mathbf{D}_{x_0} is not compact. It follows that there exists a sequence $\{y_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ in X without a convergent subsequence such that

$$f(y_n) = f(x_0), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots; f \in W^{\perp},$$

and

$$\|y_n\| = \|x_0\|_{W^{\perp}}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

Then we have $f(y_n - y_1) = 0$ for all $f \in W^{\perp}$ and all $n \geq 1$. Therefore, $y_n - y_1 \in {}^{\perp}(W^{\perp}) = W$ ($n = 1, 2, \dots$), because W is a closed subspace of X . Let $y_0 = y_1$ and $g_n = y_{n+1} - y_1$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$. Thus, $y_0 \in X \setminus W$, $\{g_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ is a sequence in W without a convergent subsequence and

$$\begin{aligned} \|y_0 - g_n\| &= \|y_{n+1}\| = \|x_0\|_{W^{\perp}} \\ &= \sup\{|f(x_0)| : \|f\| \leq 1, f \in W^{\perp}\} \\ &= \sup\{|f(y_1)| : \|f\| \leq 1, f \in W^{\perp}\} \\ &= \|y_0\|_{W^{\perp}} = \|y_0 - g_n\|_{W^{\perp}}, \end{aligned}$$

for all $n = 1, 2, \dots$. It follows from Lemma 1.2 that $g_n \in P_W(y_0)$ for $n = 1, 2, \dots$. Therefore, $P_W(y_0)$ is not compact and hence W is not quasi-Chebyshev in X . Thus, (1) implies (2).

(2) \Rightarrow (1). Assume if possible that W is not quasi-Chebyshev in X . Since W is proximal in X , by Lemma 1.4 (the implication (1) \Rightarrow (3)) for a suitable $f_0 \in X^*$ and $x_0 \in X \setminus W$ there exists a sequence $\{g_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ in W without a convergent subsequence such that $\|f_0\| = 1, f_0|_W = 0$ and $f_0(x_0) = \|x_0\| = \|x_0 - g_n\|, n = 1, 2, \dots$. Since $x_0 \in X \setminus W$ and

$$f_0(x_0 - g_n) = f_0(x_0) = \|x_0 - g_n\|,$$

for all $n = 1, 2, \dots$, it follows from Lemma 1.3 that $g_n \in P_W(x_0)$ ($n = 1, 2, \dots$). Then, by Lemma 1.2, we have

$$\|x_0 - g_n\| = \|x_0 - g_n\|_{W^\perp},$$

for all $n = 1, 2, \dots$.

Let $y_n = x_0 - g_n, n = 1, 2, \dots$. Therefore, $\{y_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ is a sequence in X without a convergent subsequence. Now, let $f \in W^\perp$ be arbitrary. Then we have

$$f(y_n) = f(x_0 - g_n) = f(x_0), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots,$$

and

$$\|y_n\| = \|x_0 - g_n\| = \|x_0 - g_n\|_{W^\perp} = \|x_0\|_{W^\perp},$$

for all $n = 1, 2, \dots$. It follows that $y_n \in \mathbf{D}_{x_0}$ for all $n \geq 1$. Thus, W^\perp does not have the property (C^*) . Hence, (2) implies (1).

(2) \Rightarrow (3). Assume that we have (2) and that the quotient space X/W is reflexive. Now, suppose that (3) does not hold. Since W is proximal and X/W is reflexive, by [8; Theorem 2.1] \mathbf{S}_A is non-empty for every $A \in (W^\perp)^*$. Then for a suitable $A_0 \in (W^\perp)^*, \mathbf{S}_{A_0}$ is not compact. It follows that there exists a sequence $\{y_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ in X without a convergent subsequence such that

$$f(y_n) = A_0(f), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots; f \in W^\perp,$$

and

$$\|y_n\| = \|A_0\|, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

Now, let $x_0 = y_1 \in X$. Then we have

$$f(y_n) = f(x_0), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots; f \in W^\perp,$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\|y_n\| &= \|A_0\| = \sup\{|A_0(f)| : \|f\| \leq 1, f \in W^\perp\} \\ &= \sup\{|f(y_n)| : \|f\| \leq 1, f \in W^\perp\} \\ &= \sup\{|f(x_0)| : \|f\| \leq 1, f \in W^\perp\} \\ &= \|x_0\|_{W^\perp},\end{aligned}$$

for all $n = 1, 2, \dots$. It follows that $y_n \in \mathbf{D}_{x_0}$ for all $n \geq 1$. Then W^\perp does not have the property (C^*) . Hence, (2) implies (3).

(3) \Rightarrow (1). Suppose that W is not quasi-Chebyshev in X . Then by the proof (2) \Rightarrow (1) we can find $x_0 \in X \setminus W$ and a sequence $\{y_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ in X without a convergent subsequence such that

$$f(y_n) = f(x_0), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots; f \in W^\perp,$$

and

$$\|y_n\| = \|x_0\|_{W^\perp}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

Now, define $A_0: W^\perp \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ by $A_0(f) = f(x_0)$ for every $f \in W^\perp$. It follows that $A_0 \in (W^\perp)^*$, $f(y_n) = A_0(f)$ ($n = 1, 2, \dots; f \in W^\perp$) and $\|A_0\| = \|x_0\|_{W^\perp} = \|y_n\|$ for all $n = 1, 2, \dots$. Then $y_n \in \mathbf{S}_{A_0}$ for $n = 1, 2, \dots$. Therefore, (3) does not hold. Hence (3) implies (1), which completes the proof. \blacksquare

THEOREM 2.5. *Let X be a Banach space and let W be a proximal subspace of X . Then the following are equivalent:*

- (1) W is quasi-Chebyshev in X .
- (2) In every linear subspace $Y_x \subset X$ ($x \in X \setminus W$) of the form $Y_x = W \oplus \langle x \rangle$ each sequence $\{y_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ in Y_x with $\|y_n\| = 1$ and $0 \in P_W(y_n)$ ($n = 1, 2, \dots$) has a convergent subsequence.
- (3) For every linear functional $0 \neq \varphi \in (Y_x)^*$ ($x \in X \setminus W$) with the property $W = \{y \in Y_x : \varphi(y) = 0\}$, the set $M_\varphi = \{y \in Y_x : \varphi(y) = \|\varphi\|, \|y\| = 1\}$ is non-empty and compact in Y_x .
- (4) W^\perp has the property (C^*) .

If the quotient space X/W is reflexive, then the above statements are equivalent to the following:

- (5) For every $A \in (W^\perp)^*$ the set

$$\mathbf{S}_A = \{y \in X : f(y) = A(f) \text{ for all } f \in W^\perp, \|y\| = \|A\|\}$$

is non-empty and compact in X .

Proof. (1) \Rightarrow (2). Suppose that W is quasi-Chebyshev in X . Then W is quasi-Chebyshev in every Y_x ($x \in X \setminus W$). Since $\text{codim } W = 1$ in each Y_x ($x \in X \setminus W$), by Theorem 2.1 (the implication (1) \Rightarrow (2)) each sequence $\{y_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ in Y_x with $\|y_n\| = 1$ and $0 \in P_W(y_n)$ ($n = 1, 2, \dots$) has a convergent subsequence. Hence we have (2).

(2) \Rightarrow (1). Assume that we have (2). Then $\text{codim } W = 1$ in each subspace $Y_x \subset X$ ($x \in X \setminus W$) of the form $Y_x = W \oplus \langle x \rangle$. Since W is proximal in each Y_x ($x \in X \setminus W$), it follows from Theorem 2.1 (the implication (2) \Rightarrow (1)) that W is quasi-Chebyshev in each Y_x ($x \in X \setminus W$). But, $X = \bigcup_{x \in X \setminus W} Y_x$. It is clear that W is quasi-Chebyshev in X , and hence we have (1).

(3) \Rightarrow (2). Suppose that (2) does not hold. Then for a suitable $Y_{x_0} \subset X$ ($x_0 \in X \setminus W$) of the form $Y_{x_0} = W \oplus \langle x_0 \rangle$ there exists a sequence $\{y_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ in Y_{x_0} without a convergent subsequence such that $\|y_n\| = 1$ and $0 \in P_W(y_n)$ ($n = 1, 2, \dots$). It follows that $y_n \in Y_{x_0} \setminus W$ for all $n = 1, 2, \dots$. Therefore, by Lemma 1.1, for each $n = 1, 2, \dots$ there exists $\varphi_n \in (Y_{x_0})^*$ such that $\|\varphi_n\| = 1$, $\varphi_n|_W = 0$ and $\varphi_n(y_n) = \|y_n\| = 1$. Let $\varphi_0 = \varphi_1$ and

$$W_0 = \{y \in Y_{x_0} : \varphi_0(y) = 0\}.$$

Since $\varphi_0(x_0) \neq 0$, it follows that $Y_{x_0} = W_0 \oplus \langle x_0 \rangle$. But, we have $Y_{x_0} = W \oplus \langle x_0 \rangle$ and W is a subset of W_0 . Then $W = W_0$. Thus, we have $0 \neq \varphi_0 \in (Y_{x_0})^*$ with the property $W = \{y \in Y_{x_0} : \varphi_0(y) = 0\}$. Now, since $\varphi_n|_W = 0$ ($n = 1, 2, \dots$), there exists a non-zero scalar α_n such that $\varphi_n = \alpha_n \varphi_0$ ($n = 1, 2, \dots$). But, we have $\|\varphi_n\| = 1$ for all $n = 1, 2, \dots$. Then $|\alpha_n| = 1$ ($n = 1, 2, \dots$). We may assume without loss of generality that $\alpha_n \rightarrow \alpha_0$ for some scalar $\alpha_0 \neq 0$ ($|\alpha_0| = 1$).

Let $x_n = \alpha_n y_n$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$. Now, since $\alpha_n \rightarrow \alpha_0 \neq 0$, it follows that $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ is a sequence in Y_{x_0} without a convergent subsequence, $\|x_n\| = 1$ ($n = 1, 2, \dots$), and

$$\varphi_0(x_n) = \varphi_0(\alpha_n y_n) = \alpha_n \varphi_0(y_n) = \varphi_n(y_n) = 1 = \|\varphi_0\|,$$

for all $n = 1, 2, \dots$

Therefore, $x_n \in M_{\varphi_0}$ ($n = 1, 2, \dots$). Then M_{φ_0} is not compact and (3) does not hold. Hence, (3) implies (2).

(4) \Rightarrow (3). Suppose that (3) does not hold. Since W is proximal in X , by [8; Theorem 2.1] for every $0 \neq \varphi \in (Y_x)^*$ ($x \in X \setminus W$) with the property $W = \{y \in Y_x : \varphi(y) = 0\}$, M_φ is non-empty. Then for a suitable $Y_{x_0} \subset X$ ($x_0 \in X \setminus W$) there exists $0 \neq \varphi_0 \in (Y_{x_0})^*$ with the property $W = \{y \in Y_{x_0} : \varphi_0(y) = 0\}$, M_{φ_0} is not compact. It follows that there exists a sequence $\{y_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ in Y_{x_0} without a convergent subsequence such that $\|y_n\| = 1$ and $\varphi_0(y_n) = \|\varphi_0\|$ ($n = 1, 2, \dots$).

Since $y_n \in Y_{x_0} \setminus W$ ($n = 1, 2, \dots$), for each $n = 1, 2, \dots$ there exist a non-zero scalar λ_n and an $w_n \in W$ such that $y_n = w_n + \lambda_n x_0$ (note that $Y_{x_0} = W \oplus \langle x_0 \rangle$). But, we have $\varphi_0(y_n) = \|\varphi_0\|$ ($n = 1, 2, \dots$) and $\varphi_0(x_0) \neq 0$. Then $\lambda_n = \|\varphi_0\| (\varphi_0(x_0))^{-1} := \lambda_0$ for all $n = 1, 2, \dots$. (Note that $\lambda_0 \neq 0$.)

Now, let $x_n = \lambda_0^{-1} y_n$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$. It follows that $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ is a sequence in Y_{x_0} without a convergent subsequence, $|\varphi_0(x_n)| = \|\varphi_0\| \|x_n\|$ and $x_n - x_0 \in W$ for all $n = 1, 2, \dots$. Let $f \in W^\perp$ be arbitrary. Since $x_n - x_0 \in W$ ($n = 1, 2, \dots$), $f(x_n) = f(x_0)$ and $\varphi_0(x_n) = \varphi_0(x_0)$ for all $n = 1, 2, \dots$ (note that $\varphi_0|_W = 0$).

Let $\psi_0 = (\|\varphi_0\|)^{-1} \varphi_0$. Then we have $\|\psi_0\| = 1$, $\psi_0|_W = 0$, $\psi_0(x_n) = \psi_0(x_0)$ and $|\psi_0(x_n)| = \|x_n\|$ ($n = 1, 2, \dots$). Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_n\| &= |\psi_0(x_n)| = |\psi_0(x_0)| \\ &\leq \sup\{|f(x_0)| : \|f\| \leq 1, f \in W^\perp\} = \|x_0\|_{W^\perp}, \end{aligned}$$

for all $n = 1, 2, \dots$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_0\|_{W^\perp} &= \sup\{|f(x_0)| : \|f\| \leq 1, f \in W^\perp\} \\ &= \sup\{|f(x_n)| : \|f\| \leq 1, f \in W^\perp\} \leq \|x_n\|, \end{aligned}$$

for all $n = 1, 2, \dots$. Then $\|x_n\| = \|x_0\|_{W^\perp}$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$. Since $f(x_n) = f(x_0)$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$; $f \in W^\perp$, it follows that $x_n \in \mathbf{D}_{x_0}$ ($n = 1, 2, \dots$) and hence W^\perp does not have the property (C^*) . Thus, (4) implies (3).

The equivalences (1) \Leftrightarrow (4) \Leftrightarrow (5) have been proved in Theorem 2.4, which completes the proof. \blacksquare

Now, we shall obtain from Theorem 2.5 the following corollary on quasi-Chebyshev subspaces of Banach spaces.

COROLLARY 2.6. *Let X be a reflexive Banach space. Then all closed linear subspaces of X are quasi-Chebyshev if and only if for every $f \in X^*$ and every closed linear subspace W of X with $f|_W$ is non-zero, the set $M_g = \{y \in W : g(y) = \|g\|, \|y\| = 1\}$ is non-empty and compact, where $g = f|_W$.*

Proof. Assume that all closed linear subspaces of X are quasi-Chebyshev. Let $f \in X^*$ be arbitrary and let W be an arbitrary closed linear subspace of X such that $f|_W$ is non-zero. Let $g = f|_W$. Since $g \neq 0$, there exists $x_0 \in W$ such that $g(x_0) \neq 0$.

Now, let

$$W_0 = \{y \in W : g(y) = 0\} \text{ and } Y_{x_0} = W_0 \oplus \langle x_0 \rangle.$$

Then we have $W = Y_{x_0}$ and by hypothesis W_0 is a quasi-Chebyshev subspace of X . Since $g \in W^* = (Y_{x_0})^*$ ($x_0 \in X \setminus W_0$) with the property $W_0 = \{y \in Y_{x_0} : g(y) = 0\}$ and W_0 is quasi-Chebyshev in X , by Theorem 2.5 (the implication 1) \Rightarrow 3)) the set M_g is non-empty and compact in $Y_{x_0} = W$.

Conversely, suppose that for every $f \in X^*$ and every closed linear subspace W of X with $f|_W$ is non-zero, the set M_g is non-empty and compact, where $g = f|_W$. Let W be an arbitrary closed linear subspace of X .

Now, let $x \in X \setminus W$ be arbitrary and $Y_x = W \oplus \langle x \rangle$. It is clear that Y_x is a closed linear subspace of X . Let $0 \neq \varphi \in (Y_x)^*$ be arbitrary with the property

$$W = \{y \in Y_x : \varphi(y) = 0\}.$$

Therefore, by Hahn-Banach Theorem, there exists a linear functional $f \in X^*$ such that $0 \neq \varphi = f|_{Y_x}$. It follows, by hypothesis, that M_φ is a non-empty and compact set in Y_x . But, we have X is reflexive. Then by [8; Corollary 2.4] W is proximal in X . Hence by Theorem 2.5 (the implication 3) \Rightarrow 1)) W is quasi-Chebyshev in X , which completes the proof. ■

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