



WEAK COPROXIMALITY FOR BANACH SPACES

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Abstract. In this paper, we introduce a weaker form of the classical notion of coproximality for Banach spaces. This is intended as a new tool to make the metric projection map linear. We show that if a weakly coproximal subspace $Y \subset X$ is a semi- M -ideal in X , then the associated metric projection map is linear and Y is a M -ideal in X . This is also linked to the classical problem of identifying Banach spaces as a quotient space X/Y , where Y has certain non-linear geometric properties in X . We give a counterexample to the 3-space problem for weak coproximality. We also study its stability properties for spaces of vector-valued continuous functions.

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1. Introduction

Let X be a real Banach space. We recall from [1] that a closed subspace $Y \subset X$ is said to be coproximal, if for any $x \in X$, there is a $y_0 \in Y$ such that for all $y \in Y$, $\|y - y_0\| \leq \|y - x\|$ for all $y \in Y$. It is well known that this geometric notion works as a non-linear analogue of Y being constrained in X , i.e., there is a linear projection $P : X \rightarrow Y$ of norm one, onto Y .

Since most often it is difficult to produce a projection of norm one, one studies geometric properties that mimic the effect of being the range of a projection of norm one. Among such

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interesting properties studied in the literature are those of the notion of a sun, co-sun and the notion of best coapproximation. See [1], [2], [3], and [4] for some recent applications of these notions. In this paper, we introduce another such non-linear notion. We use several ideas from geometry of Banach spaces to settle various problems arising in this non-linear context. Applications from the theory of vector-valued functions are indicated.

We always consider a non-reflexive Banach space X as canonically embedded in its bidual X^{**} and write $X \subset X^{**}$. We recall that for a closed subspace $Y \subset X$, its bi-annihilator $Y^{\perp\perp} \subset X^{**}$ can be isometrically identified with Y^{**} .

Definition 1.1. We say that a closed subspace $Y \subset X$ is weakly coproximal, if for any $x \in X$ there is a $\tau \in Y^{\perp\perp}$ such that $\|\Lambda - \tau\| \leq \|\Lambda - x\|$ for all $\Lambda \in Y^{\perp\perp}$.

If there is a linear onto projection $P : X \rightarrow Y$ with $\|P\| = 1$, as $P^{**} : X^{**} \rightarrow Y^{\perp\perp}$ is again a linear projection of norm one, with $P = P^{**}$ on X , by taking $\tau = P(x)$, it is easy to see that Y is weakly coproximal in X . It is also easy to see that any reflexive weakly coproximal subspace is coproximal.

We recall that canonical projection $Q : X^{***} \rightarrow X^{***}$ defined by $Q(\Lambda) = \Lambda|_X$ is a linear projection of norm one, onto X^* and $\ker(Q) = X^\perp$. Also Q^* is a projection of norm one with range $X^{\perp\perp}$.

Example 1.2. Let X be a non-reflexive Banach space. Let $X^{(IV)}$ denote the fourth dual of X . Now consider $X^{\perp\perp} \subset X^{(IV)}$. It is well known that X is also weak*-dense in $X^{\perp\perp}$ and the canonical isometry of X^{**} with $X^{\perp\perp}$ is identity on X . Thus via this isometry, for $\Lambda \in X^{**}$, by our identifications, we can take $\tau = Q^*(\Lambda) \in X^{\perp\perp}$ and we have that, $\|\Gamma - \tau\| = \|Q^*(\Gamma - \Lambda)\| \leq \|\Gamma - \Lambda\|$ for all $\Gamma \in X^{\perp\perp}$. Thus X is weakly coproximal in X^{**} . Let c_0 denote the space of sequences converging to 0 and let ℓ^∞ be the space of bounded sequences. It is easy to see that the constant sequence 1 has no best coapproximation in c_0 . Since ℓ^∞ is the bidual of c_0 , we have that c_0 is a weakly coproximal subspace of ℓ^∞ .

For closed subspaces $Z \subset Y \subset X$, since $Z^{\perp\perp} \subset Y^{\perp\perp} \subset X^{**}$, it is easy to see that if Z is weakly coproximal in X , then it is also weakly coproximal in Y .

We show that a non-reflexive Banach space X is coproximal in its bidual if and only if whenever X is isometrically embedded in a Banach space Z (still denoted by X), as a weakly coproximal subspace, X is coproximal in Z .

We give an example to show that for closed subspaces $Z \subset Y \subset X$, that Z is weakly coproximal in X and the quotient space Y/Z is weakly coproximal in X/Z need not imply that Y is weakly coproximal in X , thus settling the 3-space problem in this context.

We recall from [5] that a closed subspace $Y \subset X$ is a M -ideal if there is a linear onto projection $P : X^* \rightarrow X^*$ such that $\ker(P) = Y^\perp$ and $\|x^*\| = \|P(x^*)\| + \|x^* - P(x^*)\|$ for all $x^* \in X^*$. See Chapter I of [5] for several examples from classical analysis, of subspaces that are M -ideals and their geometric properties. Such a P is called a L -projection. In this case $P^* : X^{**} \rightarrow X^{**}$ is a projection such that $\|\Lambda\| = \max\{\|P^*(\Lambda)\|, \|\Lambda - P^*(\Lambda)\|\}$ for $\Lambda \in X^{**}$, so that $\|P^*\| = 1$ and range of P^* is $M^{\perp\perp}$. In particular Y is weakly coproximal in X .

We next recall the notion of a semi- M -ideal from [6]; see also [5].

Definition 1.3. A closed subspace $Y \subset X$ is said to be a semi- M -ideal, if there exists an onto projection (not necessarily linear) $P : X^* \rightarrow Y^\perp$, such that $P(\lambda x^* + P(y^*)) = \lambda P(x^*) + P(y^*)$, $\|x^*\| = \|P(x^*)\| + \|x^* - P(x^*)\|$, for $x^*, y^* \in X^*$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$.

We recall from [7] that the map P in the above definition is the metric projection. Using the 2-ball property characterization of semi- M -ideals (see, [8], [5], Chapter I and also page 43 of Notes and remarks), it is easy to see that if Y is a semi- M -ideal in X , then for any $x \notin Y$, Y is a semi- M -ideal in $\text{span}\{x, Y\}$.

It follows from the proof of Theorem 12 in [7] that any real Banach space is isometric to a quotient space X/Y where Y is a semi- M -ideal in X but not a M -ideal.

We are interested in studying new geometric conditions that Y has in X , under which P becomes a linear map. We show that if in addition Y is also weakly coproximal then Y is a M -ideal in X and hence (see the proof of Proposition I.1.2 of [5]) the above P becomes a linear L -projection. We also show that weakly coproximality is preserved by quotients and by c_0 -direct sums. We show the stability of this property for spaces of vector-valued continuous functions in some special situations.

Our application is to the space $WC(K, X)$, the space of X -valued functions on K , that are continuous when X has the weak topology, equipped with the supremum norm. We recall that a closed subspace $Y \subset X$ is said to be factor reflexive if the quotient space X/Y is a reflexive space. Let K be a compact extremally disconnected space and let $Z \subset Y \subset X$ be closed subspaces such that Z is a factor reflexive subspace of Y and Y is a weakly coproximal subspace of X . We show that $WC(K, Y/Z)$ is a coproximal subspace of $WC(K, X/Z)$.

2. Main results

The first result illustrates the relationship between coproximality and weak coproximality.

Proposition 2.1. *Let X be a Banach space. X is coproximal in its bidual X^{**} if and only if when ever X is isometrically embedded in a Banach space Y as a weakly coproximal subspace, X is a coproximal subspace of Y .*

Proof. Suppose X is a coproximal subspace of X^{**} . Let Y be a Banach space and ignoring the embedding of X , we assume that $X \subset Y$ is a weakly coproximal subspace. Using the canonical embedding, the hypothesis implies that X is a coproximal subspace of $X^{\perp\perp} \subset Y^{**}$. Now for $y \in Y$, choose $\tau \in X^{\perp\perp}$ such that $\|\Lambda - \tau\| \leq \|\Lambda - y\|$ for all $\Lambda \in X^{\perp\perp}$. Now since X is coproximal in $X^{\perp\perp}$, choose $x_0 \in X$ corresponding to $\tau \in X^{\perp\perp}$. We thus have $\|x - x_0\| \leq \|x - \tau\| \leq \|x - y\|$ for all $x \in X$. Thus X is coproximal in Y . Since X is always a weakly coproximal subspace of X^{**} , the converse implication is easy to see.

We next give a new criteria for a closed subspace $Y \subset X$ to be a M -ideal in X .

Proposition 2.2. *Y is a M -ideal in X if and only if for any $x \in X$, $Y^{\perp\perp}$ is a M -ideal in $\text{span}\{x, Y^{\perp\perp}\}$.*

Proof. Suppose Y is a M -ideal in X . Then since $X^* = Y^\perp \oplus_1 N$ for some closed subspace N of X^* , we have that $X^{**} = Y^{\perp\perp} \oplus_\infty N^\perp$. Now if $x = \Lambda + \tau$ for $\Lambda \in Y^{\perp\perp}$ and $\tau \in N^\perp$, since $X \cap Y^{\perp\perp} = Y$, we may assume that $x \notin Y$. We have $\text{span}\{x, Y^{\perp\perp}\} = \text{span}\{\tau, Y^{\perp\perp}\} = Y^{\perp\perp} \oplus_\infty \text{span}\{\tau\}$. Thus in particular $Y^{\perp\perp}$ is a M -ideal in $\text{span}\{x, Y^{\perp\perp}\}$.

Conversely suppose for all $x \in X$, $Y^{\perp\perp}$ is a M -ideal in $\text{span}\{x, Y^{\perp\perp}\}$. As $\text{span}\{x, Y^{\perp\perp}\}$ is weak*-closed, it is in particular a dual space and also $(\text{span}\{x, Y\})^{\perp\perp} = \text{span}\{x, Y^{\perp\perp}\}$. Thus by Corollary II.3.6 in [5] we get that $Y^{\perp\perp}$ is a M -summand in $\text{span}\{x, Y^{\perp\perp}\}$ and thus Y is a M -ideal in $\text{span}\{x, Y\}$ for all $x \notin Y$. It now follows from the remarks made after Proposition II.3.2 in [5] that Y is a M -ideal in X .

Theorem 2.3. *Let $Y \subset X$ be a weakly coproximal subspace. If Y is a semi- M -ideal in X , then it is a M -ideal in X .*

Proof. Let $x \in X$. We show that $Y^{\perp\perp}$ is a M -ideal in $\text{span}\{x, Y^{\perp\perp}\}$. It would then follow from the above proposition that Y is a M -ideal in X .

Let $x \in X$. By hypothesis there exists a $\tau \in Y^{\perp\perp}$ such that $\|\Lambda - \tau\| \leq \|\Lambda - x\|$ for all $\Lambda \in Y^{\perp\perp}$. Define $P : \text{span}\{x, Y^{\perp\perp}\} \rightarrow Y^{\perp\perp}$ by $P(\alpha x + \Lambda) = \alpha\tau + \Lambda$, for $\Lambda \in Y^{\perp\perp}$ and scalar α . It is easy to see that P is a linear projection onto $Y^{\perp\perp}$. Also for $\alpha \neq 0$, $\|P(\alpha x + \Lambda)\| = |\alpha| \|\tau + \frac{\Lambda}{\alpha}\| \leq |\alpha| \|x + \frac{\Lambda}{\alpha}\| = \|\alpha x + \Lambda\|$. Thus $\|P\| = 1$.

It follows from Theorem 6.14 in [6] that $Y^{\perp\perp}$ is a semi- M -ideal in X^{**} . By our remarks made after the definition of semi- M -ideal, we have that $Y^{\perp\perp}$ is a semi- M -ideal in $\text{span}\{x, Y^{\perp\perp}\}$. Since $P : \text{span}\{x, Y^{\perp\perp}\} \rightarrow Y^{\perp\perp}$ is a projection of norm one, it again follows from Proposition I.1.2 of [5] and the remarks on page 43, that $Y^{\perp\perp}$ is a M -ideal in $\text{span}\{x, Y^{\perp\perp}\}$. Thus by the above proposition we get that Y is a M -ideal in X .

Remark 2.4. It is clear from the above proof that if $Y \subset X$ is a weakly coproximal subspace and is such that Y is a semi- M -ideal in $\text{span}\{x, Y\}$ for all $x \notin Y$, then it is a M -ideal in X . We do not know if this statement is true without the assumption of weak coproximality?

Remark 2.5. As remarked earlier, by using Theorem 12 in [7], we have that any real Banach space is isometric to a quotient space X/Y where Y is a semi- M -ideal in X but not a weakly coproximal subspace. Since any Banach space X , under the canonical embedding is a weakly coproximal subspace, this can be compared with the well studied problem of identifying a Banach space as X^{**}/X (see [10]). In particular it would be interesting to know if every real Banach space can be realized as X/Y where Y is now a weakly coproximal subspace of X .

Next set of results exhibit more classes of Banach spaces that are weakly coproximal. We first show that weakly coproximality is preserved by quotients.

Proposition 2.6. *Let X be a Banach space and let $Z \subset Y \subset X$. If Y is weakly coproximal in X , then Y/Z is weakly coproximal in X/Z .*

Proof. Let $\pi : X \rightarrow X/Z$ be the quotient map. We recall that $(X/Z)^{**} = X^{**}/Z^{\perp\perp}$ and $(Y/Z)^{\perp\perp} = Y^{\perp\perp}/Z^{\perp\perp}$. Let $x \in X$ and $x \notin Y$. By hypothesis there exists a $\tau \in Y^{\perp\perp}$ such that $\|\Lambda - \tau\| \leq \|\Lambda - x\|$ for all $\Lambda \in Y^{\perp\perp}$. Now $\|\pi(\Lambda)\pi(\tau)\| = \|\pi(\Lambda - \tau)\| = \inf\{\|\Lambda - \tau - \Gamma\| : \Gamma \in Z^{\perp\perp}\} \leq \inf\{\|\Lambda - \Gamma - x\| : \Gamma \in Z^{\perp\perp}\} = \|\pi(\Lambda) - \pi(x)\|$ for any $\Lambda \in Y^{\perp\perp}$. Thus Y/Z is weakly coproximal in X/Z .

Corollary 2.7. *Let $Z \subset X$ be a closed subspace. $W \subset X/Z$ be a closed subspace such that $\pi^{-1}(W)$ is a weakly coproximal subspace of X . Then W is a weakly coproximal subspace of X/Z .*

Proof. Let $Y = \pi^{-1}(W)$. Clearly $Z \subset Y \subset X$ and Y is a weakly coproximal subspace of X . Thus by the above proposition, $Y/Z = W$ is a weakly coproximal subspace of X/Z .

The 3-space problem can now be stated as, for closed subspaces $Z \subset Y \subset X$, if Z is weakly coproximal in X and the quotient space Y/Z is weakly coproximal in X/Z , is Y weakly coproximal in X ?

We next give an example using the space of bounded sequences, ℓ^∞ , for settling the 3-space problem in the negative in the context of weak coproximality. It is an easy consequence of Theorem 3 in Section 11 of [9], that if ℓ^∞ is isometrically embedded in a Banach space L then it is the range of a projection of norm one in L and hence it is weakly coproximal in L . This also answers a question raised in [11].

Example 2.8. *Consider the ℓ^1 -direct sum $\ell^\infty \oplus_1 \ell^\infty$. Let K be any compact Hausdorff space such that $\ell^\infty \oplus_1 \ell^\infty \subset C(K)$. In view of our remarks above, for the inclusion $\ell^\infty \subset \ell^\infty \oplus_1 \ell^\infty \subset C(K)$, ℓ^∞ is a weakly coproximal subspace of $C(K)$. Also since $(\ell^\infty \oplus_1 \ell^\infty)/\ell^\infty$ is isometric to ℓ^∞ , this quotient space is weakly coproximal in $C(K)/\ell^\infty$. We next note that $\ell^\infty \oplus_1 \ell^\infty$ is not weakly coproximal in $C(K)$. It is easy to see that $\ell^\infty \oplus_1 \ell^\infty$ is a coproximal subspace of its bidual. Suppose $\ell^\infty \oplus_1 \ell^\infty$ is a weakly coproximal subspace of $C(K)$. Then by Proposition 2.1, it is*

a coproximal subspace of $C(K)$. Using the finite binary intersection property of balls as in Theorem 6 in Section 21 of [9], as $C(K)$ has the finite binary intersection property, we can show that $\ell^\infty \oplus_1 \ell^\infty$ has the finite binary intersection property. Hence by Theorem 6 in Section 21 of [9] again, the dual of $\ell^\infty \oplus_1 \ell^\infty$, is isometric to $L^1(\mu)$, for a positive measure μ . Thus $L^1(\mu) = (\ell^\infty)^* \oplus_\infty (\ell^\infty)^*$. Since $L^1(\mu)$ always has non-trivial ℓ^1 -decompositions, by Theorem I.1.8 of [5], it can not have a non-trivial ℓ^∞ -decomposition. Hence we get a contradiction. Thus $\ell^\infty \oplus_1 \ell^\infty$ is not a weakly coproximal subspace of $C(K)$.

For any sequence of Banach spaces $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 1}$, by $\bigoplus_{c_0} X_n$, we denote the space of all sequences $\{\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1} : x_n \in X_n, \lim \|x_n\| = 0\}$, equipped with the supremum norm. We recall that $(\bigoplus_{c_0} X_n)^{**}$ is the space of bounded sequences, $\bigoplus_\infty X_n^{**}$.

Proposition 2.9. *Let $Y_n \subset X_n$ be a closed weakly coproximal subspace for all n . Then $\bigoplus_{c_0} Y_n$ is weakly coproximal in $\bigoplus_\infty X_n$.*

Proof. We will show that $\bigoplus_{c_0} Y_n$ is weakly coproximal in $\bigoplus_{c_0} X_n$. Now for the inclusion, $\bigoplus_{c_0} X_n \subset \bigoplus_\infty X_n \subset \bigoplus_\infty X_n^{**}$, as the last space is the bidual of the first, we get that $\bigoplus_{c_0} X_n$ is weakly coproximal in $\bigoplus_\infty X_n$ and as this property is transitive, we get the desired conclusion.

Let $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1} \in \bigoplus_{c_0} X_n$. For every n , for $x_n \in X_n$, by hypothesis, there is a $\tau_n \in Y_n^\perp$ such that $\|\Lambda - \tau_n\| \leq \|\Lambda - x_n\|$ for all $\Lambda \in Y_n^{\perp\perp}$. In particular $\|\tau_n\| \leq \|x_n\|$ for all n . Thus $\{\tau_n\}_{n \geq 1} \in \bigoplus_{c_0} Y_n^{\perp\perp}$. It is easy to see that $(\bigoplus_{c_0} Y_n)^{\perp\perp} = \bigoplus_\infty Y_n^{\perp\perp}$. Now for any $\{\Lambda_n\}_{n \geq 1} \in \bigoplus_\infty Y_n^{\perp\perp}$, as $\Lambda_n \in Y_n^{\perp\perp}$ for all n , we have, $\|\Lambda_n - \tau_n\| \leq \|\Lambda_n - x_n\|$, for all n . Thus $\|\{\Lambda_n\}_{n \geq 1} - \{\tau_n\}_{n \geq 1}\| \leq \|\{\Lambda_n\}_{n \geq 1} - \{x_n\}_{n \geq 1}\|$. Therefore $\bigoplus_{c_0} Y_n$ is weakly coproximal in $\bigoplus_{c_0} X_n$.

We recall that a closed subspace $Y \subset X$ is a constrained subspace if there is a linear projection $P : X \rightarrow Y$ such that $\|P\| = 1$. Our next result addresses weak coproximality for subspaces of constrained subspaces.

Proposition 2.10. *Let $Y \subset X$ be a closed subspace and let $P : X \rightarrow Y$ be a surjective linear projection of norm one. Let $Z_1 \subset X$ be a closed subspace such that $P(Z_1) \subset Z_1$ and let $Z_2 = Y \cap Z_1$. If Z_1 is weakly coproximal in X , then Z_2 is weakly coproximal in Y .*

Proof. Let $y \in Y$. Since Z_1 is coproximal in X , there is a $\tau \in Z_1^{\perp\perp}$ such that $\|\Lambda - \tau\| \leq \|\Lambda - y\|$ for all $\Lambda \in Z_1^{\perp\perp}$. It is easy to see that $P^{**} : X^{**} \rightarrow Y^{\perp\perp}$ is a surjective projection of norm one and has the property, $P^{**}(Z_1^{\perp\perp}) \subset Z_1^{\perp\perp}$ and also $Z_2^{\perp\perp} = Z_1^{\perp\perp} \cap Y^{\perp\perp}$. Thus $P^{**}(\tau) \in Z_2^{\perp\perp}$ and for any $\Lambda \in Z_2^{\perp\perp}$,

$$\|\Lambda - P^{**}(\tau)\| = \|P^{**}(\Lambda - \tau)\| \leq \|\Lambda - \tau\| \leq \|\Lambda - y\|.$$

Thus Z_2 is weakly coproximal in Y .

For a compact Hausdorff space K , let $C(K, X)$ denote the space of X -valued continuous functions on K , equipped with the supremum norm. Embedding X as the space of constant functions in $C(K, X)$, for any fixed $k_0 \in K$, $P : C(K, X) \rightarrow X$ defined by $P(f) = f(k_0)$ is a projection of norm one. Now it is easy to see that for a closed subspace $Y \subset X$, if $C(K, Y)$ is weakly coproximal in $C(K, X)$, then Y is weakly coproximal in X .

We next give an application of Proposition 2.10, for retracts in compact Hausdorff space. Let $E \subset K$ and $\phi : K \rightarrow E$ be a continuous map such that ϕ is identity on E . Then $\Phi : C(E, X) \rightarrow C(K, X)$ defined by $\Phi(f) = f \circ \phi$ for $f \in C(E, X)$ is an into isometry and $P : C(K, X) \rightarrow \Phi(C(E, X))$ defined by $P(f) = \Phi(f|E)$ is a surjective linear projection of norm one.

Proposition 2.11. *Let $E \subset K$ be a retract and let $Y \subset X$ be a weakly coproximal subspace of X . If $C(K, Y)$ is weakly coproximal in $C(K, X)$, then $C(E, Y)$ is weakly coproximal in $C(E, X)$.*

Proof. We will show that $\Phi(C(E, Y))$ is weakly coproximal in $\Phi(C(E, X))$. Using the projection P described above, we see that $P(C(K, Y)) \subset C(K, Y)$. Thus in order to apply Proposition 2.10, we need to verify that $\Phi((C(E, Y)) = \Phi(C(E, X)) \cap C(K, Y)$. Let $f \in \Phi(C(E, X)) \cap C(K, Y)$, then $f = \Phi(h) = h \circ \phi$ for some $h \in C(E, X)$. As f takes values in Y we get that $h \in C(E, Y)$ so that $f \in \Phi(C(E, Y))$. On the other hand for $g \in C(E, Y)$, $\Phi(g) = g \circ \phi \in \Phi(C(E, X)) \cap C(K, Y)$. Hence the conclusion follows.

Question 2.12. For a finite dimensional coproximal subspace $F \subset X$ and for an infinite compact set K , we do not know if, $C(K, F)$ is a weakly coproximal subspace of $C(K, X)$?

We recall from Section 11 of [9] that a compact Hausdorff space K is extremally disconnected if and only if it is homeomorphic to a retract of the Stone-Čech compactification $\beta(S)$ of a discrete set S . In what follows we treat K as a retract of $\beta(S)$.

Proposition 2.13. *Let $Z \subset Y \subset X$ be closed subspaces such that $Y \subset X$ is a weakly coproximal subspace of X and Z is a factor reflexive subspace of Y . Let K be a compact extremally disconnected space. $WC(K, Y/Z)$ is a coproximal subspace of $WC(K, X/Z)$.*

Proof. Let K be a retract of $\beta(S)$ for some discrete set S . Arguments similar to those given during the proof of Proposition 2.11 can be used to see that it is enough to verify that $WC(\beta(S), Y/Z)$ is a coproximal subspace of $WC(\beta(S), X/Z)$.

Since Z is a factor reflexive subspace of Y , by Proposition 2.6 we have that Y/Z is a coproximal subspace of X/Z . For any $f \in WC(\beta(S), X/Z)$, for each $s \in S$, there exists a $g_0(s) \in Y/Z$ such that $\|\Lambda - g_0(s)\| \leq \|\Lambda - f(s)\|$ for all $\Lambda \in Y/Z$. It is easy to see that $g_0 : S \rightarrow Y/Z$ is a bounded function and as Y/Z is reflexive, bounded sets in Y/Z are relatively weakly compact. Hence g_0 has an extension, still denoted by g_0 in $WC(\beta(S), Y/Z)$. Now it is easy to see that for any $h \in WC(\beta(S), Y/X)$, $\|h - g_0\| \leq \|h - f\|$. Thus $WC(\beta(S), Y/Z)$ is a coproximal subspace of $WC(\beta(S), X/Z)$ and the same conclusion holds for $WC(K, Y/Z) \subset WC(K, X/Z)$.

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