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ABSTRACT. For a complete absolutely convex set $A$ in a locally convex space over a non-archimedean valued field $K$ it is proved that

(i) $A$ is the closed absolutely convex hull of a compact set if and only if $A$ is isomorphic to some power of $B(0,1) := \{ \lambda \in K : |\lambda| \leq 1 \}$,

(ii) if the valuation of $K$ is discrete and $A$ is a compactoid (equivalently; $A$ is $c$-compact and bounded) then $A$ is the closed absolutely convex hull of a compact set,

(iii) the conclusion of (ii) is also true for any $K$ if $A$ is a metrizable pure compactoid,

(iv) if $A$ is a compactoid it is isomorphic to a closed submodule of some power of $B(0,1)$.

These results extend those (for a locally compact base field) of Carpentier ([1], Propositions 72,73). Corollary 1.8 is a non-archimedean approach to the Krein-Milman Theorem.
PRELIMINARIES. Throughout $K$ is a non-archimedean nontrivially valued complete field with valuation $| \cdot |$. For fundamentals on locally convex spaces $E$ over $K$ (which we assume to be Hausdorff) we refer to [8], [7], [3], [4], [1]. A set $A \subset E$ is absolutely convex if it is a $B(0,1)$-module. If $F$ is a locally convex space over $K$ and $A \subset E$, $B \subset F$ are absolutely convex then $\phi : A \to B$ is affine if it is a homeomorphism of $B(0,1)$-modules. We shall write $A = B$ if there exists an affine homeomorphism of $A$ onto $B$. For a set $X \subset E$, let $\text{co } X$ be its absolutely convex hull and $\overline{\text{co } X}$ be its closure.

An absolutely convex set $A \subset E$ is edged if for each $x \in E$ the set $\{ |\lambda| : \lambda x \in A \}$ is closed in $| \cdot | := \{ |\lambda| : \lambda \in K \}$ (or, equivalently, if $A = \{ x \in [A] : p_A(x) \leq 1 \}$, where $p_A$ is the Minkowski function, defined on the $K$-linear span $[A]$ of $A$ by the formula

$$p_A(x) = \inf \{ |\lambda| : x \in \lambda A \}.$$  

It is easy to prove that if the valuation of $K$ is discrete each absolutely convex set is edged whereas, if the valuation of $K$ is dense, an absolutely convex $A \subset E$ is edged if and only if $\lambda x \in A$ for all $\lambda \in K$, $|\lambda| < 1$ implies $x \in A$.

For a subset $A$ of $E$, let $A^\circ := \{ f \in E' : |f(x)| \leq 1 \text{ for all } x \in A \}$ (where $E'$ is the dual space of $E$) and let $A^{\circ \circ} := \{ x \in E : |f(x)| \leq 1 \text{ for all } f \in A^\circ \}$. $A$ is a polar set if $A = A^{\circ \circ}$.

A set $A \subset E$ is (a) compactoid if for each neighbourhood $U$ of 0 there exist $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $x_1, \ldots, x_n \in E$ such that $A \subset U + \text{co}(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$; it is a pure compactoid if in the above we may choose $x_1, \ldots, x_n \in A$. If the valuation of $K$ is discrete each absolutely convex compactoid is pure (for example [4], Lemma 8.1), if the valuation of $K$ is dense $\{ \lambda \in K : |\lambda| < 1 \}$ is a compactoid in $E := K$ but not pure.
§ 1 COMPLETE COMPACTOIDS

LEMMATA 1.1 Let $E$ be a locally convex space over $K$. Let $A \subseteq E$ be a complete, absolutely convex, edged, absorbing compactoid. Assume that a seminorm on $E$ is continuous if its restriction to $A$ is continuous.

(i) $E$ is of countable type ([4], Definition 4.3).

(ii) $A$ is a polar set.

(iii) $E'$ is a Banach space over $K$ with respect to the norm $\| \|_A$ defined by $\| f \|_A = \sup \{ |f(x)| : x \in A \}$.

(iv) If $A = \text{co} X$ for some compact set $X \subseteq A$ then $(E', \| \|_A)$ has an orthonormal base.

(v) The canonical map $E \rightarrow (E', \| \|_A)'$ is a bijection.

Proof.

(i) [6], Proposition 4.3.

(ii) [4], Theorem 4.7.

(iii) As $A$ is absorbing $\| \|_A$ is a norm on $E'$. If $f_1, f_2, \ldots$ is a $\| \|_A$-Cauchy sequence in $E'$ then there is a linear $f : E \rightarrow K$ such that $f = \lim f_n$ uniformly on $A$. Then $|f|$, restricted to $A$, is continuous. By assumption, $|f|$ is continuous. Hence, $f \in E'$ and $\lim_{n \to \infty} \| f - f_n \|_A = 0$.

(iv) Let $C(X \rightarrow K)$ be the Banach space of all continuous functions: $X \rightarrow K$ with the supremum norm. For each $f \in E'$ we have

$$\| f \|_A = \sup_{A} |f| = \sup_{\text{co} X} |f| = \sup_{X} |f|$$

so that the map $T : (E', \| \|_A) \rightarrow C(X \rightarrow K)$ given by $Tf := f|_X$ is a linear isometry. By [3], Theorem 5.22, $C(X \rightarrow K)$ has an...
orthonormal base. Then so has its closed subspace $\text{Im } T$ by Gruson's Theorem ([3], Theorem 5.9) and has $(E', || | |_A )$.

(iv) Contained in the proof of [6], Theorem 3.2 (the metrizability condition is not needed for part (ii) of that proof).

**Lemma 1.2** Let $E, A, || | |_A$ be as in Lemma 1.1. Suppose $(E', || | |_A )$ has an orthonormal base $\{ f_i : i \in I \}$. Then $A \cong B(0,1)$.

**Proof.** The formula

$$\phi(x) = (f_i(x))_{i \in I} \quad (x \in E)$$

defines a continuous linear map $\phi : E \to K^I$ (on $K^I$ the product topology) sending $A$ into $B(0,1)^I$. We prove (i), (ii) below.

(i) $\phi|_A$ is a homeomorphism into $B(0,1)^I$. **Proof.** Let $(x_j)_j \in J$ be a net in $A$ for which $\lim_j \phi(x_j) = 0$ i.e. $\lim_j f_i(x_j) = 0$ for all $i \in I$. Then $\lim_j g(x_j) = 0$ for all $g$ in a $\| | |_A$ dense subset $H$ of $E'$. Let $f \in E'$, $\varepsilon > 0$. There is a $g \in H$ with $\|f-g\|_A < \varepsilon$.

For large $j$

$$|f(x_j)| \leq \max \{|f(x_j)-g(x_j)|, |g(x_j)|\} < \varepsilon$$

so that $\lim_j x_j = 0$ weakly. But then $\lim_j x_j = 0$ for the initial topology of $E$ ([4], Theorem 5.12).

(ii) $\phi$ maps $A$ onto $B(0,1)^I$. **Proof.** Let $z := (z_i)_i \in I \in B(0,1)^I$. Define $h \in (E', || | |_A )^I$ by

$$h(f_i) = z_i \quad (i \in I)$$

By Lemma 1.1 (v) there exists an $x \in E$ with $f(x) = h(f)$ for all $f \in E'$ i.e. with $\phi(x) = z$. To prove that in fact $x \in A^\infty = A$
(Lemma 1.1 (ii)), let \( f \in E', f \in A^0 \). Then \( \|f\|_A \leq 1 \). There exist \( \lambda_i \in K \) for which \( f = \sum_{i \in I} \lambda_i f_i \) in the sense of \( \| \cdot \|_A \). By orthonormality
\[
\|f\|_A = \max |\lambda_i| \leq 1.
\]
We see that \( |f(x)| \leq \max_{i \in I} |\lambda_i f_i(x)| = \max_{i \in I} |\lambda_i z_i| \leq 1 \). It follows that \( x \in A^\circ \).

**Proposition 1.3** Let \( X \) be a compact subset of a locally convex space \( E \) over \( K \). Then \( \text{co } X \) is edged.

**Proof.** We may assume that the valuation of \( K \) is dense. Let \( z \in E \), \( z \notin \text{co } X \). There is ([6], Proposition 4.2) a continuous seminorm \( p \) with \( p(z) = 1 \) and \( p < 1 \) on \( \text{co } X \). By compactness, \( s := \sup\{p(x) : x \in \text{co } X\} \)
\[
\leq \sup_{x \in X} p = \max_{x \in X} p < 1.
\]
Hence, there is a \( \lambda \in K \), \( |\lambda| < 1 \), such that \( p(\lambda z) > s \) i.e. \( \lambda z \notin \text{co } X \).

**Theorem 1.4** Let \( A \) be a complete absolutely convex compactoid in a locally convex space \( E \) over \( K \). The following are equivalent.

(a) There is a compact set \( X \subset A \) with \( A = \text{co } X \).

(\( \beta \)) \( A = B(0,1)^I \) for some set \( I \).

**Proof.** (a) \( \Rightarrow \) (\( \beta \)). We may assume that \( E = [A] \). If we replace the initial topology \( \tau \) of \( E \) by the stronger locally convex topology \( \tau' \) generated by all seminorms \( p \) on \( E \) for which \( p|A \) is \( \tau \)-continuous then \( \tau = \tau' \) on \( A \) and \( A \) is \( \tau' \)-complete and a \( \tau' \)-compactoid ([6], Proposition 4.5). Therefore, to prove (\( \beta \)), we may assume \( \tau = \tau' \). Now apply Proposition 1.3, Lemma 1.1 (iv), Lemma 1.2.

(a) \( \Rightarrow \) (\( \beta \)). Let \( e_i \in B(0,1)^I \) (\( i \in I \)) be given by
\[ \{ e_i \}_j = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } j = i \\ 0 & \text{if } j \neq i \end{cases} \]

It is easily seen that \( Y = \{0\} \cup \{ e_i : i \in I \} \) is compact and that \( B(0,1) = \text{co} Y \).

**Theorem 1.5** Let the valuation of \( K \) be discrete. Let \( A \) be a complete absolutely convex compactoid in a locally convex space \( E \) over \( K \). (Or, equivalently, let \( A \) be bounded, absolutely convex and \( c \)-compact ([6], Corollary 2.5).) Then there exists a compact set \( X \subset A \) with \( A = \text{co} X \).

**Proof.** For the same reasons as in the previous proof we may assume that \( E = [A] \) and that a seminorm \( p \) on \( E \) is continuous if \( p|A \) is continuous. By Lemma 1.1 (iii), \((E', || ||_A)\) is a Banach space. As the valuation is discrete we have

\[ ||f||_A = \sup_{x \in A} |f(x)| \in [K] \quad (f \in E') \]

Then by [3], Theorem 5.16, \((E', || ||_A)\) has an orthonormal base. Now apply Lemma 1.2 and Theorem 1.4.

For general \( K \) not every edged complete absolutely convex compactoid is the closed convex hull of a compact set. In fact, if the valuation of \( K \) is dense and \( \epsilon \in (0,\infty) \setminus \{0\} \) then \( A := \{ \lambda \in K : |\lambda| \leq \epsilon \} \) is edged but there is no compact set \( X \subset K \) for which \( A = \text{co} X \). Indeed, we have the following.

**Proposition 1.6** Let \( X \) be a compact subset of a locally convex space \( E \) over \( K \). Then \( \text{co} X \) is a pure compactoid.

**Proof.** Let \( U \) be an absolutely convex neighbourhood of \( 0 \) in \( E \). By com-
pactness there exist $x_1, \ldots, x_n \in X$ such that $X \subseteq U(x_1 \cup \cdots \cup x_n)$. Then $\co X \subseteq U + \co(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$. The set $U + \co(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$ is an open additive subgroup of $E$, hence closed. It follows that $\co X \subseteq U + \co(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$.

Note. One can prove that each closed pure absolutely convex compactoid is edged.

For metrizable pure compactoids we have the following version of Theorem 1.5 for general $K$.

**THEOREM 1.7** Let $A \subseteq E$ be a complete absolutely convex pure compactoid that is metrizable. Then there is a sequence $e_1, e_2, \ldots$ in $A$ with

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} e_n = 0$$

and $A = \co\{e_1, e_2, \ldots\}$.

**Proof.** The proof of [4], Proposition 3.2 applies with some minor modifications (as $A$ is pure the finite sets $F_1, F_2, \ldots$ constructed in that proof can be chosen in $A$ rather than in $\lambda A$).

**OPEN PROBLEM** Let $A$ be complete absolutely convex pure compactoid in a locally convex space $E$ over $K$. Does it follow that $A = \co X$ for some compact $X$?

The previous theory yields the following.

**COROLLARY 1.8** Let $A$ be a complete subset of a locally convex space $E$ over $K$ such that $A = \co X$ for some compact set $X$ (e.g. choose for $A$ any complete absolutely convex compactoid if the valuation of $K$ is discrete or any complete absolutely convex pure metrizable compactoid). Then there exists a linearly independent set
\[ Y = \{ e_i : i \in I \} \text{ in } A \text{ such that} \]

(i) \( Y \) is discrete,

(ii) for each neighbourhood \( U \) of 0 the set \( \{ i \in I : e_i \notin U \} \) is finite,

(iii) \( Y_0 := Y \cup \{ 0 \} \) is compact,

(iv) \( A = \text{co } Y = \text{co } Y_0 \),

(v) for each \( (\lambda_i)_{i \in I} \in B(0,1)^I \), \( \sum_{i \in I} \lambda_i e_i \) converges and represents an element of \( A \),

(vi) each \( x \in A \) has a unique representation as a convergent sum \( x = \sum_{i \in I} \lambda_i e_i \) where \( \lambda_i \in B(0,1) \) for each \( i \in I \),

(vii) \( Y \) is a minimal element of \( \{ Z \subseteq E : A = \text{co } Z \} \),

(viii) \( Y_0 \) is a minimal element of \( \{ Z \subseteq E, Z \text{ is compact, } A = \text{co } Z \} \),

(ix) \( Y \) is a \( p_A \)-orthonormal set.

Proof. By Theorem 1.4 we may assume \( A = B(0,1)^I \). Choose \( \{ e_i : i \in I \} \) as in the second part of the proof of Theorem 1.4. We leave the details of checking (i)-(ix) to the reader.
§ 2 GENERAL COMPACTOIDS

THEOREM 2.1 Let $A$ be a compactoid in a locally convex space $E$ over $K$. Then there exists a locally convex space $F$ over $K$ containing $E$ as a subspace and a compact set $X \subset F$ such that $A \subset \text{co} X$.

Proof. For each continuous seminorm $p$ on $E$, let $E_p := E/\text{Kerp}$ with the norm induced by $p$. The natural maps $\pi_p : E \to E_p$ yield a linear homeomorphic embedding

$$\pi : E \to F := \prod_{p \in \Gamma} E_p$$

where $\Gamma$ is the collection of continuous seminorms of $E$. For each $p \in \Gamma$ the set $\pi_p(A)$ is a (metrizable) compactoid in $E_p$. By [4], Proposition 8.2 there is a compact set $X_p \subset E_p$ such that $\pi_p(A) \subset \text{co} X_p$. Without loss we may assume that $0 \in X_p$. We have

$$\pi(A) \subset \prod_{p \in \Gamma} \pi(A) \subset \prod_{p \in \Gamma} \text{co} X_p$$

We claim that $\prod_{p \in \Gamma} \text{co} X_p \subset \text{co} \prod_{p \in \Gamma} X_p$. (Then the theorem is proved with $X := \prod_{p \in \Gamma} X_p$.) For $p \in \Gamma$ and $x \in X_p$ the element $f$ defined by

$$(*) \quad f(q) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } q \in \Gamma, q = p \\ 0 & \text{if } q \in \Gamma, q \neq p \end{cases}$$

is in $\prod_{p \in \Gamma} X_p$. If $p \in \Gamma$ and $x \in \text{co} X_p$ then $f$, formally defined by $(*)$, is in $\text{co} \prod_{p \in \Gamma} X_p$. If $p_1, \ldots, p_n \in \Gamma$ and $x_{p_i} \in \text{co} X_{p_i}$ for $i \in \{1, \ldots, n\}$ the element $g$ defined by

$$(**) \quad g(q) = \begin{cases} x_{p_i} & \text{if } q \in \Gamma, i \in \{1, \ldots, n\}, q = p_i \\ 0 & \text{if } q \in \Gamma, \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

is a finite sum of elements of $\prod_{p \in \mathcal{P}} X_p$, hence in $\prod_{p \in \mathcal{P}} X$. The elements of the type defined in (***) are dense in $\prod_{p \in \mathcal{P}} X_p$.

COROLLARY 2.2 Let $A$ be an absolutely convex compactoid in a locally convex space over $K$. Then $A$ is isomorphic to a submodule of some power of $B(0,1)$.

**Proof.** By the previous theorem, $A \subset \prod_{p \in \mathcal{P}} X$ for some compact $X \subset F$. We may suppose that $F$ is complete. Now apply Theorem 1.4.

**Note to Theorem 2.1.** It is too optimistic to hope that in Theorem 2.1 we may require that $F = E$ even when we allow $X$ to be precompact.

In fact, let $K$ be not locally compact, let $E = c_0$, with the weak topology. $A := \{x \in E : ||x|| \leq 1\}$ is a weak compactoid but according to [5], Proposition 3.3 there is no weakly precompact $X \subset E$ for which $A \subset \prod_{p \in \mathcal{P}} X$. Observe that, if $K$ is not spherically complete, $A$ is even weakly complete ([4], Theorem 9.6), and that $A$ is pure if the valuation of $K$ is discrete.
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