Cardinality and Mackey Topologies of Non-Archimedean Banach and Fréchet Spaces\(^{(*)}\)

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Summary. Let \( K \) be a non-Archimedean complete non-trivially valued field. One obtains the cardinality of non-Archimedean Fréchet spaces of countable type over \( K \). This enables us to get a new characterization of the spherical completeness of \( K \) in terms of the Hahn-Banach theorem and the Mackey-Arens theorem.

1. Introduction. Throughout the paper \( K \) is a non-Archimedean valued field which is complete with respect to the metric induced by the non-trivial valuation \(|.|\). If \( E = (E, \tau) \) is a locally convex space (lcs) over \( K \) with topology \( \tau \) we denote by \( \mathcal{P}(E) \) or \( \mathcal{P} \) the family of (non-Archimedean) \( \tau \)-continuous seminorms. By \( E' \) and \( E^* \) we denote the topological and algebraic dual of \( E \), respectively. For the basic notions and properties about lcs we refer to [21] when \( K \) is spherically complete and to [17] when \( K \) is not spherically complete. We recall only the following. A non-empty subset \( B \) of a vector space \( E \) (over \( K \)) is called absolutely convex if \( \alpha x + \beta y \in B \) whenever \( x, y \in B \) and \( \alpha, \beta \in K, |\alpha| \leq 1, |\beta| \leq 1. \) If \( B \) is absolutely convex then the edged hull \( B^e \) of \( B \) is defined as follows. If \( K \) has discrete valuation,

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then $B'' = B$; if the valuation is dense then $B'' = \bigcap_{|\lambda| > 1} \lambda B$ (cf. [17]).

If $E$ is an lcs and $p \in \mathcal{P}(E)$ by $E_p$ we denote the quotient space $E/\text{Ker } p$ endowed with the natural norm. The space $E$ is said to be of countable type if, for every continuous seminorm $p$ on $E$ the normed space $E_p$ is of countable type. Recall that a normed space $E$ is of countable type if there exists a countable subset $X$ of $E$ such that the closure of the linear hull $[X]$ of $X$ in $E$ equals $E$; this means that either dim $E < \infty$ or the completion of $E$ is isomorphic to the space $c_0$ of null $K$-sequences (cf. [16]). The weak topology $\sigma(E, E')$ on $E$ is of countable type (cf. [17]). A seminorm $p$ on a $K$-vector space $E$ is polar if $p = \sup \{|f| : f \in E^*, |f| \leq p\}$. An lcs $E$ is polar if there is a basis of continuous seminorms consisting of polar seminorms (cf. [17] also for examples). An lcs $E$ is polar iff the polar neighbourhoods of zero form a neighbourhood basis of zero for the topology of $E$ (cf. [17], Proposition 5.2). A metrizable and complete lcs will be called a Fréchet space. Two locally convex topologies on $E$ will be called compatible if they define the same continuous linear functionals on $E$.

It is natural to ask if $E$ admits the Mackey topology $\mu(E, E')$, i.e. the finest locally convex topology on $E$ whose topological dual is still $E'$.

In ([21], Theorem 4.17), van Tiel proved that the Mackey topology exists if $K$ is spherically complete; in this case $\mu(E, E')$ is determined by the seminorms $x \mapsto \sup \{|f(x)| : f \in A\}$, where $A$ runs through the collection of all subsets of $E'$ which are bounded and $c$-compact in the weak topology $\sigma(E', E)$. In [6] we proved that whenever $K$ is not spherically complete then the space $\ell^\infty$ of bounded $K$-sequences does not admit the Mackey topology; nevertheless, the weak topology $\sigma(\ell^\infty, c_0)$ is of countable type and $\ell^\infty$ admits the finest locally convex topology of countable type to be compatible with $\sigma(\ell^\infty, c_0)$, this follows from Theorem 2.1 of [18] (cf. also [5], Theorem 2) and our Corollary 3.2.

The following question is still open (cf. [17]). Let $E$ be a polar lcs over a non-spherically complete field. Does the polar Mackey topology exist on $E$ (i.e. the strongest polar topology on $E$ compatible with the original one)? We know only that the answer is positive for polarly barrelled and polarly bornological spaces (cf. [17], Corollary 7.9).

In this note (applying ideas of [7] and [8]) we extend results of [6] and [7] by showing the following.

**Theorem 1.1.** Let $E$ be a vector space over $K$ with $\dim E \geq K^\#$, where $K^\#$ denotes the cardinal number of $K$ and $\dim E$ denotes the algebraic dimension of $E$. Let $\Delta = \{(x, x) : x \in E\} \subset E \times E$. The following assertions are equivalent.

1. $K$ is spherically complete.
2. For every locally convex topology $\tau$ on $E$ the space $(E, \tau)$ admits the
Mackey topology.

(3) There exists a locally convex topology \( \tau \) on \( E \) with \( (E, \tau)' \neq E^* \) such that \( (E, \tau) \) admits the Mackey topology.

(4) \( (E, \tau)' \neq \{0\} \) for every (complete) Hausdorff locally convex topology \( \tau \) on \( E \).

(5) For every \( f \in E^* \) and seminorms \( p, q \) on \( E \) such that \( |f| \leq \max\{p, q\} \), there exist \( f_1, f_2 \in E^* \) such that \( f = f_1 + f_2 \) and \( f_1 \) is \( p \)-continuous and \( f_2 \) is \( q \)-continuous.

(6) The diagonal \( \Delta \) has the following Hahn-Banach property. For every seminorm \( p \) on \( E \times E \) and every \( f \in \Delta^* \) such that \( |f| \leq p \), there exists a linear extension \( h \) of \( f \) to \( E \times E \) such that \( |h| \leq p \).

We will see, however (see Remark 3.4 (a)) that (6) implies (1) for any vector space \( E \) with \( \dim E \geq 1 \).

Since every linear functional on a vector space \( E \) is continuous with respect to the finest locally convex topology, Theorem 1.1 yields also the following.

**Corollary 1.2.** Let \( E \) be a lcs with \( \dim E \geq K^\# \). Then \( E \) admits the Mackey topology iff \( K \) is spherically complete or every linear functional on \( E \) is continuous.

We will see (Proposition 2.2) that \( \dim E \geq K^\# \) for any infinite-dimensional Fréchet space. This together with Theorem 1 yields the following.

**Corollary 1.3.** Let \( K \) be not spherically complete. Then no infinite-dimensional Fréchet space admits the Mackey topology.

We recall that by ([17], Corollary 7.9), every polar Fréchet space admits the polar Mackey topology.

The problem seems to be much more complicated when we are looking for the polar Mackey topology for non-metrizable spaces. We prove the following.

**Theorem 1.4.** The following conditions on \( K \) are equivalent.

1. For every (polar) lcs over \( K \) the polar Mackey topology exists.
2. For every lcs \( E \) over \( K \) of finite type (i.e. each continuous seminorm on \( E \) has finite-codimensional kernel) and bounded complete absolutely convex subsets \( A \) and \( B \) the closure \( A + B \) of \( A + B \) is complete.
3. For every index set \( I \), every pair of closed, bounded, absolutely convex subsets \( A \) and \( B \) of \( K^I \) we have \( A + B \subseteq [A + B] \).
4. If \( p, q \) are polar seminorms on some \( K \)-vector space \( E \) and if \( f \in E^* \) such that \( |f| \leq \max\{p, q\} \), then \( f = f_1 + f_2 \), where \( f_1, f_2 \in E^* \), \( f_1 \) is \( p \)-continuous, \( f_2 \) is \( q \)-continuous.
In Theorem 1.1 we used essentially the assumption “$\dim E \geq K^\#$”. It is natural to ask whether there is a relation between the cardinality of $K$ and the linear dimension of any Fréchet space $E$ over $K$. We will see (Propositions 2.2 and 2.5) that $\dim E \geq K^#$ for any infinite-dimensional Fréchet space and that $E$ contains a closed subspace $F$ such that $\dim(E/F) = K^#$. 

2. Dimension of Fréchet spaces. It is known that $\dim E \geq 2^{\aleph_0}$ for any infinite-dimensional real or complex Fréchet space; $\dim E = 2^{\aleph_0}$, if $E$ is additionally separable (cf. [12]). In [13] Popov showed that for every nonatomic measure space $(\Omega, \Sigma, \mu)$ with $\Sigma^# > 2^{\aleph_0}$ there exists a subset $\Omega_1$ of $\Omega$ with $\mu(\Omega_1) > 0$ such that the real space $L^p(\Omega_1)$, $0 < p < 1$, has no Hausdorff $2^{\aleph_0}$-dimensional quotient; recall that $L^p(\Omega_1)$ has trivial topological dual.

We start with the following observation.

**Lemma 2.1.** $\dim \ell^\infty = \aleph#$. 

**Proof.** Since $\dim K^\mathbb{N} = (K^\#)^{\aleph_0}$ (cf. [10], 5(3), p. 75) and $\ell^\infty \subset K^\mathbb{N}$, we have $\dim \ell^\infty \leq (K^\#)^{\aleph_0}$. On the other hand, we can proceed as in the proof of 5(3) of ([10], p. 75) and obtain $\dim \ell^\infty \geq K^\#$. Now the conclusion follows from $(K^\#)^{\aleph_0} = K^\#$ (cf. [15], Corollary 3.9). We give a direct proof of this fact: take any $x = (x_n) \in K^\mathbb{N}$. For every $n \in \mathbb{N}$ there exists a unique two-sided sequence $(a_{jn} : j \in \mathbb{Z})$ of a full set of representatives in $\{x \in K : |x| \leq 1\}$ modulo $\{x \in K : |x| \leq |\pi|, 0 < |\pi| < 1\}$, such that $a_{-jn} = 0$ for large $j \in \mathbb{N}$ and $x_n = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} a_{jn} \pi^j$ (cf. [19], Theorems 12.1 and 12.3). Let $\sigma : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ be a bijection. Then the map $T : (\langle x_n \rangle) \mapsto \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} a_{\sigma(n)} \pi^n$ of $K^\mathbb{N}$ into $K$ is (as easily seen) injective.

**Proposition 2.2.** Let $E$ be a sequentially complete lcs over $K$ containing an infinite-dimensional bounded set $B$. Then there exists a continuous injective linear map $T : \ell^\infty \to E$. In particular, $\dim E \geq K^#$ for any infinite-dimensional Fréchet space $E$.

**Proof.** Since the linear span of the closed absolutely convex hull of $B$ endowed with the Minkowski functional norm topology is an infinite-dimensional Banach space, we may assume that $E$ is an infinite-dimensional Banach space. Hence $E$ contains a subspace isomorphic to $c_0$. Let $(e_n)$ be a Schauder basis of this subspace; we may assume that $e_n \to 0$. Then the map $T : \ell^\infty \to E$, $T((b_n)) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n e_n$ is continuous and injective.

**Examples 2.3.** By Proposition 2.2 infinite-dimensional Fréchet spaces have the dimension at least $K^#$. Proposition 2.2 applies also to get the same conclusion for the following spaces. (1) Any $(LF)$-space (i.e. the inductive limit space of an increasing sequence of infinite-dimensional Fréchet
spaces, see [12], for the definition). (2) Any topological product of infinite-dimensional Fréchet spaces. (3) Any perfect sequence space $\Lambda \neq \varphi$ endowed with its natural topology $\tau(\Lambda, \Lambda^*)$, where $\Lambda^*$ is the Köthe dual of $\Lambda$ and $\varphi$ is the space of all sequences in $K$ with only finitely many of non-zero coordinates. By ([1], Proposition 7), where the assumption that $K$ is spherically complete is not necessary, the space $\Lambda$ is complete. Moreover, if $(\alpha_n) \in \Lambda$, $\alpha_n \neq 0$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then $\{ (\beta_n) : |\beta_n| \leq |\alpha_n|, n \in \mathbb{N} \}$ is an infinite-dimensional bounded set in $\Lambda$.

**COROLLARY 2.4.** If $E$ is an infinite-dimensional Fréchet space over $K$ of countable type, then $\dim E = K^\#$. 

**Proof.** Obviously, $\dim E \geq K^\#$. The space $E$ is isomorphic to a subspace of a countable product of Banach spaces of countable type; hence $E$ is isomorphic to a subspace of the product $c_0$. Now $\dim E \leq \dim c_0 \leq (K^\#)^{\aleph_0} = K^\#$ which completes the proof.

**PROPOSITION 2.5.** Every infinite-dimensional Fréchet space $E = (E, \tau)$ contains a closed subspace $F$ such that $\dim (E/F) = K^\#$. 

**Proof.** If $\tau = \sigma(E, E')$, then $E$ is isomorphic to the space $K^\# (\text{cf. [20], Theorem 7})$. Now suppose that $\tau \neq \sigma(E, E')$. Then there exists a continuous seminorm $p$ on $E$ such that $\dim E_p = \infty$. Let $\| \cdot \|_p$ be the corresponding norm on $E_p$. Let, for some $t \in (0,1)$, $(e_n)$ be a $t$-orthogonal sequence in $E_p$ with $a < \|e_n\|_p \leq 1$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $0 < a < 1$. Let $(f_n)$ be a similar sequence in $\ell^\infty/c_0$. Define a continuous linear map $T : [e_n : n \in \mathbb{N}] \twoheadrightarrow [f_n : n \in \mathbb{N}]$ by $T(\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \lambda_n e_n) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \lambda_n f_n$. Since $\ell^\infty/c_0$ is spherically complete ([16], Theorem 4.1), there exists by Ingleton’s theorem (cf. [16], Theorem 4.8), a continuous linear extension $T_0 : E_p \rightarrow \ell^\infty/c_0$ of $T$. Let $F := \ker(T_0 \circ \tau_p)$, where $\tau_p : E \rightarrow E_p$ is the quotient map. Then $F$ is closed, so $E/F$ is a Fréchet space, infinite-dimensional, and $\dim E/F = \dim(\text{Im}T_0) \leq \dim(\ell^\infty/c_0) \leq K^\#$. By Proposition 2.2, $\dim E/F \geq K^\#$. 

**Remark 2.6.** (1) In ([4], Proposition 2.6) De Grande-De Kimpe proved that any non-normable Fréchet space $E$ has a subspace isomorphic to $K^\#$. Moreover, she showed that if $K$ is spherically complete, this subspace is complemented in $E$. The latter result is even true for non-spherically complete $K$ if the dual $E'$ separates the points of $E$ (cf. [20], Corollary 9.1 (iv)).

(2) Proposition 2.5 suggests also the following question (still open for the real or complex Banach spaces, cf. [11,14]). Which infinite-dimensional Fréchet spaces over $K$ admit infinite-dimensional quotients of countable type? We shall say that $E$ has a Quotient if $E$ has such a quotient. We have the following partial answer.
(a) A Banach space has a Quotient iff $E$ contains a complemented copy of $c_0$ (cf. [3]).

(b) If the valuation of $K$ is discrete, then any infinite dimensional Banach space has a Quotient. This follows from ([16], Corollary 4.14).

(c) The space $\ell^\infty$ does not have a Quotient if $K$ has a dense valuation. Indeed, by ([16], Corollary 5.19) every continuous linear map of $\ell^\infty$ onto $c_0$ is compact.

(d) If $E$ is spherically complete and $K$ has a dense valuation, then $E$ does not have a Quotient. This follows from ([16], Corollary 5.20).

3. Proof of Theorem 1.1. We start with the following Lemma.

**Lemma 3.1.** Let $(E, \tau)$ be a lcs over $K$. Let $\{\tau_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in \Lambda}$ be a family of locally convex topologies on $E$ compatible with $\tau$. Then the topology $\xi = \sup \tau_\alpha$ is compatible with $\tau$ provided $K$ is spherically complete or every topology $\tau_\alpha$ is of countable type.

**Proof.** If $K$ is spherically complete we proceed as in the proof of Theorem 1 of [7]. Now assume that every $\tau_\alpha$ is of countable type. Observe that $(E, \xi)$ is of countable type. In fact $(E, \xi)$ is isomorphic to the diagonal $\Delta$ of the product \( \prod_{\alpha \in \Lambda} (E, \tau_\alpha) \). The last product and also $\Delta$ (endowed with the relative topology) are spaces of countable type by ([17], Proposition 4.12). Since spaces of countable type are strongly polar, Theorem 4.2 of [17] combined with our Lemma 1 of [7] (and its proof) yields the following. Let $f \in (E, \xi)'$. \( \varepsilon > 0 \). There exist seminorms $p_{\alpha_1}, p_{\alpha_2}, \ldots, p_{\alpha_n}$ continuous in $\tau_{\alpha_1}, \tau_{\alpha_2}, \ldots, \tau_{\alpha_n}$, respectively, such that $|f| \leq \max \{p_{\alpha_1}, p_{\alpha_2}, \ldots, p_{\alpha_n}\}$. Then there are $f_1, f_2, \ldots, f_n \in E^*$ such that $f = f_1 + f_2 + \ldots + f_n$ and $|f_i| \leq (1 + \varepsilon)p_{\alpha_i}, \ 1 \leq i \leq n$. Then (by assumption) $f \in (E, \tau)'$.

**Corollary 3.2** [5, 18]. Every lcs $(E, \tau)$ over $K$ admits the finest locally convex topology $\mu$ of countable type compatible with $\tau$.

**Proof.** Let $(\tau_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Lambda}$ be the family of all locally convex topologies on $E$ of countable type finer than $\sigma(E, E')$ and compatible with $\tau$; recall that $(E, \sigma(E, E'))$ is one of them. Then using Lemma 3.1 one gets that $\mu = \sup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \tau_\alpha$ is compatible with $\tau$ and $(E, \mu)$ is of countable type.

**Remark 3.3.** It is known (cf. [9]) that when $K$ is not spherically complete, the space $(\ell^\infty, \sigma(\ell^\infty, c_0))$ has a Schauder basis but $\ell^\infty$ (with respect to the norm topology) is not of countable type. Using Lemma 3.1 (and its proof) one deduces also that if $(E, \tau)$ is an lcs such that $(E, \sigma(E, E'))$ has a Schauder basis $(e_n)$, then $E$ admits the finest locally convex topology $\xi$ such that $\sigma(E, E') \leq \xi \leq \tau$ and $(e_n)$ is a Schauder basis for $(E, \xi)$. In fact, $\xi$
is the finest compatible topology of countable type between $\sigma(E, E')$ and $\tau$ (observe that $\xi$ and $\sigma(E, E')$ have the same convergent sequences by ([17], Proposition 4.11)).

Now we are ready to prove our Theorem 1.1.

Proof of Theorem 1.1. (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) follows from Lemma 3.1 and (2) $\Rightarrow$ (3) from the following observation. Let $(x_\alpha)$ be a Hamel basis for $E$. Then the topology $\tau$ defined by the norm $||x|| = \max_\alpha |t_\alpha|$, $x = \sum_\alpha t_\alpha x_\alpha$, where $t_\alpha \in K$, is as in (3). Now we prove (3) $\Rightarrow$ (4). Assume that $(E, \tau)$ is a lcs as in (3) and $E$ admits a locally convex topology $\varphi_1$ such that $(E, \varphi_1)' = \{0\}$. Take $f_0 \in E^* \setminus E'$ and $x_0 \neq 0$ in $E$ such that $f_0(x_0) = 2$. Consider the map $T : E \rightarrow E$ defined by $T(x) = x - f_0(x)x_0$, then $T^2 = \text{id}$. Let $\varphi_2$ be the image by $T$ of $\varphi_1$. Consider the topologies $\psi_i = \sup \{\sigma(E, E'), \varphi_i\}$, $i = 1, 2$. Observe that both topologies $\psi_i$ are compatible with the original one of $E$: fix $i \in \{1, 2\}$. Let $f \in (E, \psi_i)'$. Then there exist $f_1, f_2, \ldots, f_n \in E'$ and a $\varphi_i$-continuous seminorm $p$ such that $|f| \leq \max\{|f_1|, \ldots, |f_n|, p\}$. Let $H = \bigcap_{k=1}^n \{x \in E : f_k(x) = 0\}$. Then $|f| \leq p$ on $H$. Since $H$ is a finite-codimensional subspace of $E$, there exists a continuous linear extension of $f$ to the space $(E, \varphi_i)$. Since $(E, \varphi_i)' = \{0\}$, we have $f = 0$ on $H$. Hence $f$ is a linear combination of $f_1, \ldots, f_n$, so $f \in E'$. On the other hand $f_0$ is continuous with respect to the topology $\sup \{\varphi_1, \varphi_2\}$. In fact, if $(x_\alpha)$ is a null net in $E$ with respect to the topology $\varphi = \sup \{\varphi_1, \varphi_2\}$, then $T(x_\alpha) = x_\alpha - f_0(x_\alpha)x_0 \rightarrow 0$ in $\varphi_2$ and $x_\alpha \rightarrow 0$ in $\varphi_2$. Now $x_0 \neq 0$, so $f_0(x_\alpha) \rightarrow 0$. By assumption (the Mackey topology $\mu(E, E')$ exists) we have $\sigma(E, E') \leq \sup \{\psi_1, \psi_2\} \leq \mu(E, E')$. This implies that $f_0 \in E'$, a contradiction.

(4) $\Rightarrow$ (1). Assume that $K$ is not spherically complete. Since $\dim E \geq K\#$ and also $\dim \ell^\infty/c_0 = K\#$, there exists an index set $A$ and a family of vector subspaces $E_\alpha$ of $E$, $\alpha \in A$, such that $E = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in A} E_\alpha$ (algebraically) with $\dim E_\alpha = \dim \ell^\infty/c_0$ for all $\alpha \in A$. Endow every $E_\alpha$ with the isomorphic copy of the original topology of $\ell^\infty/c_0$. Let $\phi$ be the Hausdorff locally convex direct sum topology on $E = \bigoplus_{\alpha \in A} E_\alpha$. Then $(E, \phi)$ is a Hausdorff and complete lcs, cf. [21] (where the assumption that $K$ is spherically complete is not necessary). From $(\ell^\infty/c_0)' = \{0\}$ we obtain $(E, \phi)' = \{0\}$.

(1) $\Rightarrow$ (5). It is a direct consequence of our Lemma 1 of [7]. (5) $\Rightarrow$ (2). If $\mu(E, E')$ is the supremum topology of all locally convex topologies on $E$ compatible with the original one, then $\mu(E, E')$ is compatible with the original one; hence $\mu(E, E')$ is the Mackey topology of $E$. (1) $\Rightarrow$ (6). This follows from Ingleton's Theorem, (cf. [21], Theorem 3.5). (6) $\Rightarrow$ (5). We proceed similarly as in the proof of Lemma 1 of [7].

Remark 3.4. (1) Observe that the implication (6) $\Rightarrow$ (1) is true for any
vector space $E$ over $K$ with $\dim E \geq 1$. In fact, assume that $K$ is not spherically complete. First, suppose that $\dim E = 1$, i.e. the space $E$ is algebraically isomorphic to $K$. According to ([16], p. 68) there exists a norm $\|\cdot\|$ on $K^2$, a one-dimensional space $D$ and $g \in D'$ with $|g(x)| \leq \|x\|$, $x \in D$, that does not admit an extension $g_0 \in (K^2, \|\cdot\|)'$ with $|g_0(x)| \leq \|x\|$, $x \in K^2$. Now let $T : K \times K \to E \times E$ be a linear bijection such that $T(D) = \Delta$. Set $f = g \circ T^{-1}|\Delta$ and $p(x) = \|T^{-1}(x)\|$, $x \in E \times E$. Then $f \in \Delta^*$, $|f(z)| \leq p(z)$ for all $z \in \Delta$. Suppose that there exists on $E \times E$ a linear extension $f_0$ of $f$ with $|f_0| \leq p$. Then $f_0 \circ T$ is a linear extension of $g$ satisfying $|f_0(Ty)| \leq p(Ty) = \|y\|$ for all $y \in K^2$, which is a contradiction. Now suppose that $\dim E > 1$. Take a non-zero element $a \in E$ and an algebraic complement $S$ of $[a]$. Take on $E \times E$ the seminorm $(s, \lambda a) \times (s', \gamma a) \mapsto p(\lambda a, \gamma a)$, where $p : [a] \times [a] \to \mathbb{R}$ is as above, and a linear functional $h : (\lambda a, \gamma a) \mapsto f(\lambda a, \gamma a)$, where $f$ is as above. Clearly $|h| \leq p$ on $\Delta$ but $h$ cannot be extended to a linear functional $h_0$ on $E \times E$ with $|h_0| \leq p$ by the first part.

(2) From the proof of Theorem 1.1, (3) $\Rightarrow$ (4), one deduces also the following. Let $(E, \tau)$ be an lcs with trivial topological dual. Then there exists a family $(\tau_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Lambda}$ of locally convex topologies on $E$ such that every $(E, \tau_\alpha)$ is isomorphic to $(E, \tau)$ and $(E, \sup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \tau_\alpha)' = E^*$. Therefore, if $E \neq \{0\}$, then $(E, \tau)$ does not admit the Mackey topology.

(3) We do not know any example of a lcs $E$ over a non-spherically complete $K$ with $\aleph_0 < \dim E < K^\#$ which admits the Mackey topology. Note that any lcs $(E, \tau)$ with $\dim E = \aleph_0$ admits the Mackey topology. Indeed, if $(\tau_\alpha)_{\alpha \in \Lambda}$ is the family of all locally convex topologies on $E$ compatible with $\tau$, then $(E, \sup_{\alpha \in \Lambda} \tau_\alpha)$ is of countable type ([17], Examples 4.5). Now Lemma 3.1 completes the proof.

(4) Using Corollary 1 we deduce also that the spaces considered in Examples 2.3 admit the Mackey topology iff $K$ is spherically complete.

4. Proof of Theorem 1.4. Let $E$ be a polar lcs. By a special covering of $E'$ (cf. [17], Definition 7.3) we mean a covering $G$ of $E'$ such that

(a) each member of $G$ is edged, $\sigma(E', E)$-bounded, $\sigma(E', E)$-complete;
(b) for each $A, B \in G$ there is a $C \in G$ such that $A \cup B \subset C$;
(c) for each $A \in G$ and $\lambda \in K$ there is a $B \in G$ with $\lambda A \subset B$.

For a special covering $G$ of $E'$ the $G$-topology on $E$ is the topology induced by the seminorms $x \mapsto \sup \{|f(x)| : f \in A\}$, where $A$ runs through $G$.

In order to prove Theorem 2 we shall need the following.

**Lemma 4.1.** Let $E$ be a polar lcs and suppose that the polar Mackey topology $\mu(E, E')$ exists. Then the family $G$ of all edged and absolutely convex
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Let $A$ be an edged, absolutely convex complete compactoid in $(E', \sigma(E', E))$. Since by ([17], Proposition 4.10), the set $A$ is a polar set, we get equality.

Now we are ready to prove Theorem 1.4.

**Proof of Theorem 1.4.** (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2): Let $(F, r)$ be a lcs of finite type; then $\sigma(F, F') = r$. The space $E := (F', \sigma(F', F))$ admits the polar Mackey topology (by (1)) and by Lemma 4.1 it is the $G$-topology, where $G$ equals the set of all edged, absolutely convex, complete compactoids in $(E', \sigma(E', E))$. By (b) above, for $A, B \in G$ the set $A + B$ is complete; (2) now follows because the natural map $(F, \sigma(F, F')) \to (E', \sigma(E', E))$ is an isomorphism.

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (3): Note that $[A + B]$ is of finite type, being a subspace of $K^I$. By (2) one gets that the closure of $A + B$ in $[A + B]$ is complete; hence the closure of $A + B$ in $K$ lies in $[A + B]$.

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (4): Let $(e_i : i \in I)$ be an algebraic base for $E$ and endow $E$ with the finest locally convex topology. Then $E^* = E'$ and $(E', \sigma(E', E))$ is isomorphic to the product $K^I$. Let $p, q$ be two polar seminorms on $E$, then $A = \{ f \in E' : |f| \leq p \}$ and $B = \{ f \in E' : |f| \leq q \}$ are edged, absolutely convex, bounded and complete. Hence we may apply (3) to conclude that $A + B \subset [A + B]$. By polarity of $p$ and $q$ we have $(A + B)^e = (A + B)^0 = (U \cap V)^0$, where $U, V$ are the unit balls of $p, q$, respectively, and so $U \cap V$ is the unit ball in the normed topology defined by $\max\{p, q\}$. Hence by (3) one gets $\{ f \in E' : |f| \leq \max\{p, q\} \} \subset (A + B)^e \subset [A + B] = [A] + [B]$. Thus, we can write every $f \in E^*$ with $|f| \leq \max\{p, q\}$ as $g + h$, where $g \in [A]$ and $h \in [B]$; hence $g$ is $p$-continuous and $h$ is $q$-continuous.

(4) $\Rightarrow$ (1): It suffices to show that if $\tau_1$ and $\tau_2$ are polar locally convex topologies on a lcs $(E, \tau)$ compatible with $\tau$, then so is $\sup\{\tau_1, \tau_2\}$. Let $p$ be a $\tau_1$-continuous polar seminorm and $q$ be a $\tau_2$-continuous polar seminorm on $E$. Let $f \in E^*$, $|f| \leq \max\{p, q\}$. Then, by (4), $f = g + h$, where $g$ is...
\(\tau_1\)-continuous, \(h\) is \(\tau_2\)-continuous, i.e. \(g, h \in (E, \tau)\). Hence \(f\) is \(\tau\)-continuous and the proof is complete.

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