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ABSTRACT. Let  $X$  be a subset of a locally convex space  $E$  of countable type over a nonarchimedean densely valued field  $K$ . If, for each continuous linear function  $f : E \rightarrow K$ ,  $\max_X |f|$  exists then  $X$  is a compactoid in  $E$ .

## § 1. PRELIMINARIES

Throughout,  $K$  is a nonarchimedean nontrivially valued complete field with valuation  $|\cdot|$ . For fundamentals on Banach spaces and locally convex spaces over  $K$  we refer to [3], [6], [4]. We recall a few definitions and facts and fix some notations. Let  $E$  be a locally convex space over  $K$ .  $E'$  is the linear space of all continuous linear functions  $E \rightarrow K$ . If  $E = (E, \|\cdot\|)$  is a nonzero Banach space and  $f \in E'$  then  $\|f\| := \sup \{|f(x)|/\|x\| : x \in E, x \neq 0\}$ .  $E$  is a polar space if there exists a base of continuous seminorms  $p$  for which  $p = \sup \{|f| : f \in E', |f| \leq p\}$ .

PROPOSITION 1.1.

Let  $E$  be a Banach space over  $K$  with a base. Then  $E$  is a polar space.

Proof.

By [3], Corollary 3.7 there exists a norm  $\|\cdot\|$  inducing the topology of  $E$  for which  $E$  has an orthogonal base  $\{e_i : i \in I\}$ . It is not hard to see that we even may assume that  $\{e_i : i \in I\}$  is orthonormal. For each  $i \in I$ , let  $f_i$  be the  $i$ -th coordinate function. Let  $x \in E$ . Then

$$x = \sum_{i \in I} f_i(x)e_i \text{ and } \|x\| = \max_{i \in I} |f_i(x)|.$$

For a subset  $X$  of a locally convex space  $E$  over  $K$  we denote by  $\text{co } X$  its absolutely convex hull, by  $[X]$  its  $K$ -linear span, by  $\overline{X}$  its closure. Instead of  $\overline{\text{co } X}$  we write  $\overline{\text{co } X}$ . For an absolutely convex  $A \subset E$  the formula

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

defines, on  $[A]$ , the seminorm  $p_A$  associated to  $A$ .

PROPOSITION 1.2.

Let  $A \subset E$  be absolutely convex. Then

$$\{x \in [A] : p_A(x) < 1\} \subset A \subset \{x \in [A] : p_A(x) \leq 1\}.$$

Proof.

Straightforward.

An absolutely convex  $A \subset E$  is edged if for each  $x \in E$  the set  $\{|\lambda| : \lambda x \in A\}$  is closed in  $|K| := \{|\lambda| : \lambda \in K\}$ .  $A$  is edged if and only if  $A = \{x \in [A] : p_A(x) \leq 1\}$ . A subset  $X$  of  $E$  is a compactoid if for each neighbourhood  $U$  of  $0$  in  $E$  there exists a finite set  $F \subset E$  such that  $X \subset U + \text{co } F$ . For some elementary properties of compactoids, see [2].

§ 2. BANACH SPACES WITH A BASE

In § 2 we assume that the valuation of  $K$  is dense.

LEMMA 2.1.

The closed absolutely convex hull of an orthonormal set in a Banach space over  $K$  is edged.

Proof.

For an orthonormal set  $\{e_i : i \in I\}$ , set  $A := \overline{\text{co}} \{e_i : i \in I\}$ ,  
 $D := \overline{[e_i : i \in I]}$ . Without any trouble one verifies that  $D = [A]$ ,  
 $p_A = \| \cdot \|$  on  $D$  and  $A = \{x \in D : \|x\| \leq 1\}$ .

LEMMA 2.2.

Let  $E$  be a Banach space of countable type over  $K$ . Let  $A$  be an absolutely convex neighbourhood of 0 in  $E$  and suppose that, for each  $f \in E'$ , the restriction of  $|f|$  to  $A$  has a maximum.

- (i)  $A$  is bounded;  $p_A$  is a norm  $\| \cdot \|$  inducing the topology of  $E$ .  
(ii) Let  $\{e_i : i \in I\}$  be a maximal  $\| \cdot \|$ -orthonormal set in

$$A_m := \{x \in A : \text{there is an } f \in E' \text{ with } |f(x)| = \max_A |f|\}.$$

Then  $A = \overline{\text{co}} \{e_i : i \in I\}$ .

Proof.

- (i)  $A$  is weakly bounded hence bounded by [4], Corollary 7.7. The interior of  $A$  is not empty and  $A$  is an additive group so  $A$  is open (and closed) and (i) follows.

- (ii)  $B := \overline{\text{co}} \{e_i : i \in I\}$  is contained in  $A$ . Suppose  $B \neq A$ ; we shall prove

that  $\{e_i : i \in I\}$  is not maximal yielding a contradiction. The set  $B$  is closed and edged (Lemma 2.1) so by [4], Proposition 4.8 and 3.4, there exists an  $f \in E'$  with  $|f| \leq 1$  on  $B$  and  $|f(y)| > 1$  for some  $y \in A$ . Then  $\max_A |f| > 1$  and after multiplying  $f$  by a suitable scalar we obtain a  $g \in E'$  for which

$$|g| < 1 \text{ on } B, \max_B |g| = 1.$$

From

$$(*) \quad \{x \in E : \|x\| < 1\} \subset A \subset \{x \in E : \|x\| \leq 1\}$$

(Proposition 1.2) it follows that  $\|g\| = 1$ . Choose an  $a \in A$  with  $|g(a)| = 1$ . We claim that  $\{a\} \cup \{e_i : i \in I\}$  is an orthonormal set in  $A_m$ . In fact, we have  $a \in A_m$ . By  $(*)$ ,  $\|a\| \leq 1$  but also  $1 = |g(a)| \leq \|g\| \|a\| = \|a\|$  so that  $\|a\| = 1$ . To prove orthogonality it suffices to show that for a  $K$ -linear combination  $z = \sum_{i \in F} \lambda_i e_i$  ( $F \subset I$ ,  $F$  finite) we have

$$\|a-z\| \geq \|a\|.$$

If  $\max |\lambda_i| > 1$  this is an obvious consequence of the strong triangle inequality so assume  $\max |\lambda_i| \leq 1$ . Then  $z \in B$  so  $|g(z)| < 1$  and

$$\|a\| = 1 = |g(a)| = |g(a-z)| \leq \|g\| \|a-z\| = \|a-z\|$$

which finishes the proof.

Remark.

The above proof works for a strongly polar ([4], Definition 3.5) Banach space  $E$ , in particular for any Banach space over a spherically complete  $K$ .

Two corollaries obtain. The first one we shall need later on. The



second one is rather surprising.

PROPOSITION 2.3.

Let A be an absolutely convex subset of a finite dimensional space E over K. The following are equivalent.

( $\alpha$ ) For each  $f \in E'$ ,  $\max_A |f|$  exists.

( $\beta$ ) For each seminorm  $p$  on E,  $\max_A p$  exists.

( $\gamma$ ) There exists a finite set  $F \subset A$  with  $A = \text{co } F$ .

Proof.

( $\gamma$ )  $\Rightarrow$  ( $\beta$ ) is easy, ( $\beta$ )  $\Rightarrow$  ( $\alpha$ ) is trivial. To prove ( $\alpha$ )  $\Rightarrow$  ( $\gamma$ ) we may assume  $[A] = E$ . Then A is open (with respect to the unique Banach space topology of E). Lemma 2.2 (ii) yields a (finite) set F with  $A = \overline{\text{co } F} = \text{co } F$  (the second equality because each convex set in E is closed).

LEMMA 2.4.

Let E, A be as in Lemma 2.2. Then E is finite dimensional.

Proof.

Suppose E is not finite dimensional. From Lemma 2.2 we infer that E has an orthonormal base  $\{e_i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$  (with respect to the norm  $\|\cdot\|$ ) and that  $A = \overline{\text{co } \{e_i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}}$  is the 'closed' unit ball of  $(E, \|\cdot\|)$ . Now choose  $\tau_1, \tau_2, \dots$  in K such that  $0 < |\tau_1| < |\tau_2| < \dots$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\tau_n| = 1$  and define  $f \in E'$  by the formula

$$f\left(\sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \lambda_i e_i\right) = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \lambda_i \tau_i \quad (\lambda_i \in K, \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \lambda_i = 0)$$

We have  $\sup_A |f| = 1$  but  $|f(x)| < 1$  for each  $x \in A$ , a contradiction.

The proof of the next Lemma is left to the reader.

LEMMA 2.5.

Let A be an absolutely convex subset of a locally convex space E over

K. Suppose  $\max_A |f|$  exists for each  $f \in E'$ .

(i) For each  $f \in E'$ ,  $\max_A |f|$  exists.

(ii) If  $T : E \rightarrow F$  is a continuous linear map into a locally convex space F over K then, for each  $f \in F'$ ,  $\max_{TA} |f|$  exists.

LEMMA 2.6.

Let E be a Banach space over K with a base. Let  $A \subset E$  be absolutely convex and suppose that for each  $f \in E'$  the restriction of  $|f|$  to A has a maximum. Then A is a compactoid.

Proof.

We may assume ([3], Corollary 3.7) that E has an orthogonal base.

Suppose A is not a compactoid. By [3], Theorem 4.38,  $(\zeta) \Rightarrow (\alpha)$  there exists an orthogonal sequence  $e_1, e_2, \dots$  in A with  $\inf_n \|e_n\| > 0$ . Set  $D := \overline{[e_1, e_2, \dots]}$ , and choose a linear continuous projection  $P : E \rightarrow D$  ([3], Corollary 3.18). By Lemma 2.5, for each  $f \in D'$  the restriction of  $|f|$  to  $\overline{PA}$  has a maximum. Also  $\overline{PA} \supset \overline{\text{co}} \{e_1, e_2, \dots\}$  is open in D and D is infinite dimensional. But this is impossible (Lemma 2.4).

We now formulate the main Theorem of this section.

THEOREM 2.7.

Let E be a Banach space with a base over (a densely valued) K. For a nonempty subset X of E the following are equivalent.

( $\alpha$ ) For each  $f \in E'$ ,  $\max_X |f|$  exists.

( $\beta$ ) For each weakly continuous seminorm p,  $\max_X p$  exists.

( $\gamma$ ) For each weak neighbourhood U of 0 there exists a finite set  $F \subset X$

such that  $X \subset U + \text{co } F$ .

( $\delta$ ) For each continuous seminorm  $p$  on  $E$ ,  $\max_X p$  exists.

( $\epsilon$ ) For each neighbourhood  $U$  of  $0$  there exists a finite set  $F \subset X$  such that  $X \subset U + \text{co } F$ .

Proof.

Let  $(*)$  be any of the statements  $(\alpha) - (\epsilon)$ . It is not hard to see that, for a nonempty set  $Y \subset E$ ,

$$(*) \text{ holds for } X := Y \Leftrightarrow (*) \text{ holds for } X := \text{co } Y$$

Therefore, to prove Theorem 2.7, we may assume that  $X$  is absolutely convex. The equivalences  $(\beta) \Leftrightarrow (\gamma)$  and  $(\delta) \Leftrightarrow (\epsilon)$  are proved in [5], Theorem 3.3. Obviously,  $(\delta) \Rightarrow (\beta) \Rightarrow (\alpha)$ . We shall prove  $(\alpha) \Rightarrow (\beta)$  and  $(\gamma) \Rightarrow (\epsilon)$ . Suppose  $(\alpha)$  and let  $p$  be a weakly continuous seminorm on  $E$ . Then  $\text{Ker } p$  has finite codimension. Let  $\pi_p : E \rightarrow E/\text{Ker } p$  be the quotient map and let  $\bar{p}$  be the norm on  $E/\text{Ker } p$  induced by  $p$ . For each  $f \in (E/\text{Ker } p)'$ ,  $\max_{\pi_p(X)} |f|$  exists (Lemma 2.5). Then also (Proposition 2.3)

$$\max_{\pi_p(X)} \bar{p}$$

exists. But  $\{p(a) : a \in X\} = \{\bar{p}(x) : x \in \pi_p(X)\}$  and therefore

$$\max_X p$$

exists and we have  $(\beta)$ . Now suppose  $(\gamma)$ . Lemma 2.6 tells us that  $X$  is a compactoid.  $E$  is a polar space (Proposition 1.1) so by [4], Theorem 5.12, the weak topology and the norm topology coincide on  $X$ . Let  $U$  be an absolutely convex neighbourhood of  $0$ . There is a weak neighbourhood  $V$  of  $0$  with  $V \cap X \subset U \cap X$ . By  $(\gamma)$  there is a finite set  $F \subset X$  such that  $X \subset V + \text{co } F$ . Then also  $X \subset (V \cap X) + \text{co } F \subset U + \text{co } F$  and  $(\epsilon)$  is proved.

Remark.

In the terminology of [4], Theorem 2.7 entails that weak  $c'$ -compactness implies  $c'$ -compactness. Compare [1], Proposition 3a, where it is proved that weak  $c$ -compactness implies  $c$ -compactness.

## PROBLEM.

Are  $(\alpha) - (\epsilon)$  equivalent for a nonempty subset  $X$  of a strongly polar ([4], Definition 3.5) Banach space  $E$  (in particular, an arbitrary Banach space  $E$  over a spherically complete  $K$ ) ? The following example shows that just 'E is a polar space' is not enough.

## EXAMPLE.

Let  $K$  be not spherically complete, let  $A = \{x \in l^\infty : \|x\| \leq 1\}$ . Then for each  $f \in (l^\infty)'$ ,  $\max_A |f|$  exists although  $A$  is not a compactoid. [Since  $(l^\infty)' \simeq c_0$  ([3], Theorem 4.17) an  $f \in (l^\infty)'$  has the form

$$x \mapsto \sum_{i \in \mathbf{N}} x_i a_i \quad (x \in l^\infty)$$

for some  $a \in c_0$ .]

### § 3. LOCALLY CONVEX SPACES OF COUNTABLE TYPE

Also in § 3 we assume that the valuation of  $K$  is dense. We shall extend the results of § 2 to locally convex spaces of countable type (i.e. for each continuous seminorm  $p$  the normed space  $E_p := E/\text{Ker } p$  with the norm induced by  $p$  is of countable type, see [4], Definition 4.3).

First we extend Lemma 2.6.

LEMMA 3.1.

Let  $E$  be a locally convex space of countable type over  $K$ . Let  $A \subset E$  be absolutely convex and suppose that for each  $f \in E'$  the restriction of  $|f|$  to  $A$  has a maximum. Then  $A$  is a compactoid.

Proof.

Let  $U$  be a neighbourhood of  $0$  in  $E$ . There is a continuous seminorm  $p$  such that  $\{x \in E : p(x) \leq 1\} \subset U$ . Let  $E_p^\wedge$  be the completion of  $E_p$  (see above). The canonical map  $\pi_p : E \rightarrow E_p \subset E_p^\wedge$  is continuous. By Lemma 2.5, for each  $f \in E_p^\wedge$  the restriction of  $|f|$  to  $\pi_p(A)$  has a maximum. Now  $E_p^\wedge$  is of countable type and therefore has a base ([3], Theorem 3.16) so we may apply Lemma 2.6 and conclude that  $\pi_p(A)$  is a compactoid in  $E_p^\wedge$ , hence in  $E_p$ . Since  $\pi_p(U)$  is open in  $E_p$  there is a finite set  $F \subset E$  such that  $\pi_p(A) \subset \pi_p(U) + \text{co } \pi_p F$ . We have

$$A \subset U + \text{co } F + \text{Ker } p \subset U + \text{co } F.$$

THEOREM 3.2.

Let  $X$  be a nonempty subset of a locally convex space  $E$  of countable type over  $K$ . The statements (a) - (e) of Theorem 2.7 are equivalent.

Proof.

The proof of Theorem 2.7 applies with two modifications in the proof of  $(\gamma) \Rightarrow (\epsilon)$ . The compactoidity of  $X$  follows from Lemma 3.1 (rather than Lemma 2.6) and the fact that  $E$  is a polar space is proved in [4], Theorem 4.4.

§ 4. DISCRETELY VALUED BASE FIELDS

One may wonder what happens to our results if we allow the valuation of  $K$  to be discrete. The next two Properties show the deviation from the previous theory.

PROPOSITION 4.1.

Let  $A$  be an absolutely convex subset of a locally convex space  $E$  over a discretely valued  $K$ . The following are equivalent.

- ( $\alpha$ )  $A$  is a compactoid.
- ( $\beta$ ) Each continuous seminorm  $E \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  has a maximum on  $A$ .

Proof.

[5], Remark following Theorem 3.3.

PROPOSITION 4.2.

Let  $A, E, K$  be as above. The following are equivalent.

- ( $\alpha$ )  $A$  is a compactoid for the weak topology.
- ( $\beta$ ) Each weakly continuous seminorm on  $E$  has a maximum in  $A$ .
- ( $\gamma$ ) For each  $f \in E'$ ,  $\max_A |f|$  exists.
- ( $\delta$ )  $A$  is bounded.

Proof.

For ( $\alpha$ )  $\Leftrightarrow$  ( $\beta$ ) see [5], Remark following Theorem 3.3. ( $\alpha$ )  $\Leftrightarrow$  ( $\delta$ ) is proved in [4]. ( $\beta$ )  $\Rightarrow$  ( $\gamma$ ) is obvious. ( $\gamma$ ) implies weak boundedness of  $A$ , hence boundedness ([4], Corollary 7.7), so that we have ( $\gamma$ )  $\Rightarrow$  ( $\delta$ ).

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