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NON-ARCHIMEDEAN t -FRAMES AND FM-SPACES

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ABSTRACT. We generalize the notion of t -orthogonality in p -adic Banach spaces by introducing t -frames (§2). This we use to prove that a Fréchet-Montel (FM-)space is of countable type (Theorem 3.1), the non-archimedean counterpart of a well known theorem in functional analysis over \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C} ([6], p. 231). We obtain several characterizations of FM-spaces (Theorem 3.3) and characterize the nuclear spaces among them (§4).

1. Preliminaries. Throughout this paper K is a non-archimedean non-trivially valued complete field with valuation $|\cdot|$. For the basic notions and properties concerning normed and locally convex spaces over K we refer to [11] and [7]. However we recall the following.

1. Let E be a K -vector space. Let $X \subset E$. The absolutely convex hull of X is denoted by $\text{co } X$, its linear hull by $[X]$. For a (non-archimedean) seminorm p on E we denote by E_p the vector space $E/\text{Ker } p$ and by $\pi_p: E \rightarrow E_p$ the canonical surjection. The formula $\|\pi_p(x)\| = p(x)$ defines a norm on E_p .

2. Let $(E, \|\cdot\|)$ be a normed space over K . For $r > 0$ we write $B(0, r) := \{x \in E : \|x\| \leq r\}$. Let $a \in E$, $X \subset E$. Then $\text{dist}(a, X) := \inf\{\|a - x\| : x \in X\}$. For $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $x_1, \dots, x_n \in E$ we consider $\text{Vol}(x_1, \dots, x_n) := \|x_1\| \cdot \text{dist}(x_2, [x_1]) \cdot \text{dist}(x_3, [x_1, x_2]) \cdots \text{dist}(x_n, [x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}])$. For properties of this Volume Function (in particular, its symmetry), we refer to [10]. A linear continuous map $E \rightarrow F$, where F is a normed space, is said to be *compact* if it sends the unit ball of E into a compactoid set (see below).

3. Now let E be a Hausdorff locally convex space over K . A subset X of E is called *compactoid* if for every zero-neighbourhood U in E there exists a finite set S of E such that $X \subset \text{co } S + U$. E is said to be of *countable type* if for each continuous seminorm p the normed space E_p is of countable type (Recall that a normed space is called *of countable type* if it is the closed linear hull of a countable set). E is called *nuclear* if for every continuous seminorm p on E there exists a continuous seminorm q on E with $p \leq q$, and such that Φ_{pq} is compact, where Φ_{pq} is the unique map making the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & E & \\
 \pi_q \swarrow & & \searrow \pi_p \\
 E_q & \xrightarrow{\Phi_{pq}} & E_p
 \end{array}$$

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commute. E is called *Montel* if it is polar, polarly barrelled and if each closed bounded subset is a complete compactoid. A Fréchet space which is Montel is called an *FM-space*.

The closure of a set $X \subset E$ is denoted by \bar{X} .

2. t -frames in p -adic Banach spaces. Throughout §2 E is a normed space over K . We introduce a concept which generalizes the notion of t -orthogonality and it allows us to prove one of the main Theorems in the paper (Theorem 3.1).

DEFINITION 2.1. Let $t \in (0, 1]$, and let $X \subset E$ be a subset not containing 0. We call X a t -frame if for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and distinct $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$ we have $\text{Vol}(x_1, \dots, x_n) \geq t^{n-1} \cdot \|x_1\| \cdot \dots \cdot \|x_n\|$.

We make the following simple observations. Let $t \in (0, 1]$.

1. *Any t -orthogonal set in E is a t -frame.* (Let $\{e_i : i \in I\}$ be a t -orthogonal set in E , let i_1, \dots, i_n be n distinct elements of I . Then, by the definition of the Volume Function and by t -orthogonality,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Vol}(e_{i_1}, \dots, e_{i_n}) &= \|e_{i_1}\| \cdot \text{dist}(e_{i_2}, [e_{i_1}]) \cdot \dots \cdot \text{dist}(e_{i_n}, [e_{i_1}, \dots, e_{i_{n-1}}]) \\ &\geq \|e_{i_1}\| \cdot t \cdot \|e_{i_2}\| \cdot \dots \cdot t \cdot \|e_{i_n}\| = t^{n-1} \cdot \|e_{i_1}\| \cdot \dots \cdot \|e_{i_n}\|. \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

2. *Every t -frame in E is a linearly independent set.*

3. *Every subset of a t -frame is itself a t -frame.*

4. *Every t -frame in E can be extended to a maximal t -frame.*

By a t -frame sequence we shall mean a sequence x_1, x_2, \dots in E such that $\{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$ is a t -frame.

PROPOSITION 2.2 (COMPARE [8], THEOREM 2). *A bounded subset X of E is a compactoid if and only if for every $t \in (0, 1]$ every t -frame sequence in X tends to 0.*

PROOF. Suppose X is a compactoid. Suppose, for some $t \in (0, 1]$, and some $\alpha > 0$, X contains a t -frame sequence x_1, x_2, \dots for which $\|x_n\| \geq \alpha$ for all n . Then, for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\text{Vol}(x_1, \dots, x_n) \geq t^{n-1} \cdot \|x_1\| \cdot \dots \cdot \|x_n\| \geq \alpha^n t^{n-1}$$

implying $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf \sqrt[n]{\text{Vol}(x_1, \dots, x_n)} \geq \alpha t > 0$ conflicting the compactoidity of X ([8], §2). This proves one half of the statement. The other half is obvious. \blacksquare

The following two Propositions are crucial for Theorem 2.5.

PROPOSITION 2.3. *Let $0 < t < 1$; let X be a maximal t -frame in E . Then $\overline{[X]} = E$.*

PROOF. Let $D := \overline{[X]}$. If $D \neq E$ then we can find a nonzero $a \in E$ with $\text{dist}(a, D) \geq t \cdot \|a\|$ ([11], Lemma 3.14, here we use that $t \neq 1$). So we shall prove that $\text{dist}(a, D) < t \cdot \|a\|$ for every $a \in E - D$. By maximality $\{a\} \cup X$ is no longer a t -frame, yielding the existence of a $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and distinct $x_1, \dots, x_k \in X$ such that

$$\text{Vol}(a, x_1, \dots, x_k) < t^k \cdot \|a\| \cdot \|x_1\| \cdot \dots \cdot \|x_k\|.$$

On the other hand we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Vol}(a, x_1, \dots, x_k) &= \text{dist}(a, [x_1, \dots, x_k]) \cdot \text{Vol}(x_1, \dots, x_k) \\ &\geq \text{dist}(a, D) \cdot t^{k-1} \cdot \|x_1\| \cdots \|x_k\|. \end{aligned}$$

So $\text{dist}(a, D) < t \cdot \|a\|$. ■

REMARK. We now can easily find examples of t -frames X that are s -orthogonal for no $s \in (0, 1]$: Let $0 < t < 1$, let E have no base, choose for X a maximal t -frame (Observe that the clause $t \neq 1$ is essential!).

PROPOSITION 2.4. *Every uncountable subset of c_0 contains an infinite compactoid.*

PROOF. Let X be an uncountable subset of c_0 ; it has a bounded uncountable subset Y . Let e_1, e_2, \dots be the standard basis of c_0 . We have $B(0, 1) + [e_1, e_2, \dots] = c_0$ so there exists an $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$Y_1 := Y \cap (B(0, 1) + [e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n_1}])$$

is uncountable. In its turn, there exists an $n_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$Y_2 := Y_1 \cap (B(0, 1/2) + [e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n_2}])$$

is uncountable. We obtain uncountable sets $Y_1 \supset Y_2 \supset \dots$ such that $Y_n \subset B(0, 1/n) + D_n$ for each n where D_n is a finite-dimensional space. Choose distinct x_1, x_2, \dots where $x_n \in Y_n$ for each n , and set $Z := \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$. Then Z is infinite, bounded, in X . Also, for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ we have

$$Z \subset \{x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}\} \cup Y_n \subset [x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}] + B(0, 1/n) + D_n \subset B(0, 1/n) + \hat{D}_n$$

where \hat{D}_n is a finite-dimensional space. It follows that Z is a compactoid. ■

THEOREM 2.5. *The following assertions about the normed space E are equivalent.*

- (i) E is of countable type.
- (ii) For every $t \in (0, 1)$, every t -frame in E is countable.
- (iii) For some $t \in (0, 1)$, every t -frame in E is countable.

PROOF. (i) \Rightarrow (ii). We may assume $E = c_0$. Let X be a t -frame in E . For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ set $X_n := \{x \in X : \|x\| \geq 1/n\}$. If, for some n , X_n were uncountable it would contain an infinite compactoid $\{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$ by Proposition 2.4. Then from Proposition 2.2 $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = 0$, a contradiction.

(ii) \Rightarrow (iii) is obvious.

(iii) \Rightarrow (i). Let X be a maximal t -frame in E . By assumption X is countable. By Proposition 2.3, $E = \overline{[X]}$ is of countable type. ■

REMARK. The question if Theorem 2.5 remains true when we consider in (i) and (ii) t -orthogonal sets instead t -frames is an open problem in non-archimedean analysis ([11], p. 199).

3. Characterizations of FM-spaces among F -spaces. *From now on in this paper E is a polar Hausdorff locally convex space over K .*

It is proved in [6], Theorem 11.6.2, that a Fréchet Montel space over \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C} is separable. It does not simply carry over the non-archimedean case because K may be not locally compact; so we have to deal with compactoids (§1.3) rather than compact sets. This modification is obstructing the classical proof which is essentially based upon separability. It is here where the t -frames of §2 come to the rescue as will be demonstrated in the following theorem (for other applications of t -frames in p -adic analysis, see [9], p. 51–57).

THEOREM 3.1. *An FM-space is of countable type.*

PROOF. Let the topology of the FM-space E be defined by the sequence of seminorms $p_1 \leq p_2 \leq \dots$. Set $U_n = \{x \in E : p_n(x) \leq 1\}$. Choose $\lambda \in K$, $|\lambda| > 1$.

It suffices to show that $E_1 := E_{p_1}$ is of countable type. Let X be a t -frame in $(E_1, \|\cdot\|_1)$ for some $t \in (0, 1)$; we show (Theorem 2.5) that X is countable. Suppose not. We may assume that $\inf\{\|x\|_1 : x \in X\} > 0$. Choose an $A_1 \subset E$ such that $\pi_{p_1}(A_1) = X$. Since $E = \bigcup_n \lambda^n U_2$ there exists an n_2 such that $A_2 := A_1 \cap \lambda^{n_2} U_2$ is uncountable. Inductively we arrive at uncountable sets $A_1 \supset A_2 \supset \dots$ such that A_n is p_n -bounded for each $n \geq 2$. Choose distinct a_1, a_2, \dots with $a_n \in A_n$ for each n . Then $\{a_1, a_2, \dots\}$ is bounded in E . As E is Montel, it is a compactoid. By Proposition 2.2, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \pi_{p_1}(a_n) = 0$ conflicting $\inf\{\|x\|_1 : x \in X\} > 0$. ■

LEMMA 3.2. *Every bounded subset B of a Fréchet space E , is compactoid for the topology of uniform convergence on the $\beta(E', E)$ -compactoid subsets of E' (where $\beta(E', E)$ denotes the strong topology on E' with respect to the dual pair $\langle E, E' \rangle$).*

PROOF. Consider the canonical map $J_E: E \rightarrow E'' = (E', \beta(E', E))'$. It is easy to see that the set $J_E(B)$ is equicontinuous on $(E', \beta(E', E))$. By [7] Lemma 10.6 we have that on $J_E(B)$ the topology $\tau_{\beta E'}$ (on E'') of the uniform convergence on the $\beta(E', E)$ -compactoid subsets of E' , coincides with the weak topology $\sigma(E'', E')$. Hence $J_E(B)$ is $\tau_{\beta E'}$ -compactoid in E'' . Since J_E is an homeomorphism from E onto a subspace of E'' ([7], Lemmas 9.2, 9.3) we are done. ■

THEOREM 3.3. *For a Fréchet space E , the following properties are equivalent.*

- (i) E is an FM-space.
- (ii) Every bounded subset of E is compactoid.
- (iii) In E every weakly convergent sequence is convergent and $(E', \beta(E', E))$ is of countable type.
- (iv) In E' every $\sigma(E', E)$ -convergent sequence is $\beta(E', E)$ -convergent and E is of countable type.
- (v) Both E and $(E', \beta(E', E))$ are of countable type.
- (vi) $(E', \beta(E', E))$ is nuclear.
- (vii) $(E', \beta(E', E))$ is Montel.

(viii) Every $\sigma(E', E)$ -bounded subset of E' is $\beta(E', E)$ -compactoid.

PROOF. The implications (i) \Leftrightarrow (ii) \Leftrightarrow (iii), (i) \Rightarrow (vi) \Rightarrow (viii) and (i) \Rightarrow (vii) \Rightarrow (viii) are known (see [7]) or easy. Also, from Theorem 3.1 we can easily prove (i) \Rightarrow (iv) and (i) \Rightarrow (v).

Now we prove (viii) \Rightarrow (ii): Since E is a polar Fréchet space, its topology τ is the topology of uniform convergence on the $\sigma(E', E)$ -bounded subsets of E' . By (viii) these subsets are $\beta(E', E)$ -compactoid. Now apply Lemma 3.2.

The implication (v) \Rightarrow (iii) follows from [7] Proposition 4.11.

Finally, for the proof of (iv) \Rightarrow (ii) observe that the topology on a polar Fréchet space of countable type is the topology of uniform convergence on the $\sigma(E', E)$ -null sequences in E' (see [4], Theorem 3.2). By (iv) these sequences are $\beta(E', E)$ -convergent. Now apply Lemma 3.2. ■

REMARK. It is known that a Fréchet space E over \mathbb{R} over \mathbb{C} is nuclear if and only if $(E', \beta(E', E))$ is nuclear ([6], p. 491).

In the non-archimedean case the situation is essentially different. Indeed, in 4.1 we will give an example of an FM-space which is not nuclear (while its strong dual is by (i) \Leftrightarrow (vi)). To do that we need some preliminary concepts and results.

DEFINITION 3.4. Let $A = (a_i^k)$ be a matrix of strictly positive real numbers such that $a_i^{k+1} > a_i^k$ for all i and all k . Then the corresponding Köthe sequence space $K(A)$ is defined by

$$K(A) = \{ \alpha = (\alpha_i) : \lim_i |\alpha_i| \cdot a_i^k = 0 \text{ for all } k \}.$$

On $K(A)$ we consider the sequence of norms (p_k) , where

$$p_k(\alpha) = \max_i |\alpha_i| \cdot a_i^k, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots; \quad \alpha \in K(A).$$

It is known that $K(A)$ is a polar Fréchet space of countable type. For the importance of this class of spaces and for their further properties we refer to [3].

We then have:

PROPOSITION 3.5. Let $\Lambda = K(A)$ be a Köthe space and let Λ^* the corresponding Köthe dual space. Then the following properties are equivalent:

- (i) Λ is an FM-space.
- (ii) $(\Lambda^*, \beta(\Lambda^*, \Lambda))$ is of countable type.
- (iii) $(\Lambda^*, \beta(\Lambda^*, \Lambda))$ is nuclear.
- (iv) $(\Lambda^*, \beta(\Lambda^*, \Lambda))$ is Montel.
- (v) The unit vectors e_1, e_2, \dots form a Schauder basis for $\Lambda^*, \beta(\Lambda^*, \Lambda)$.
- (vi) $n(\Lambda^*, \Lambda) = \beta(\Lambda^*, \Lambda)$ (where $n(\Lambda^*, \Lambda)$ is the natural topology on Λ^*).
- (vii) No subspace of Λ is isomorphic (linearly homeomorphic) to c_0 .
- (viii) The sequence of coordinate projections (P_i) , where $P_i: \Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda : \alpha = (\alpha_i) \rightarrow \alpha_i e_i$, converges to the zero-map uniformly on every bounded subset of Λ .

(ix) *The sequence of sections-maps (S_n) , where $S_n: \Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda : \alpha = (\alpha_i) \rightarrow (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n, 0, 0, \dots)$ converges to the identity map Id uniformly on every bounded subset of Λ .*

PROOF. We only have to prove (i) \Rightarrow (v) \Rightarrow (vi), (vii) \Rightarrow (viii) and (ix) \Rightarrow (i). The other implications are easy.

(i) \Rightarrow (v): The unit vectors e_1, e_2, \dots form a Schauder basis for $(\Lambda^*, \sigma(\Lambda^*, \Lambda))$. Then, apply (i) \Rightarrow (iv) in 3.3.

(v) \Rightarrow (vi): By [4], p. 21 it suffices to prove that $\beta(\Lambda^*, \Lambda)$ is compatible with the duality (Λ^*, Λ) and this is done as in [1], Proposition 20.

(vii) \Rightarrow (viii): Suppose Λ contains a bounded subset D on which (P_i) does not converge uniformly to the zero-map. We show that Λ contains a subspace isomorphic to c_0 .

From the assumption it follows that there exist $\varepsilon > 0$, $k \in N$ and an increasing sequence of indices (i_n) such that, for all n , there exists $\alpha^n = (\alpha_i^n) \in D$ with $|\alpha_{i_n}^n| \cdot a_{i_n}^k > \varepsilon$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$. We put $z_{i_n} = \alpha_{i_n}^n \cdot e_{i_n}$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$. Then, the sequence (z_{i_n}) is bounded in Λ .

Now we can define a linear map

$$T: c_0 \rightarrow \Lambda : \sigma = (\sigma_n) \rightarrow \sum_n \sigma_n z_{i_n}.$$

We prove that T is an isomorphism from c_0 into Λ . It is easy to see that T is injective and continuous. Also, $T: c_0 \rightarrow \text{Im } T$ is open.

Indeed, for $\sigma = (\sigma_n) \in c_0$, we have $p_k(T(\sigma)) = \max_{n=1}^{\infty} |\sigma_n \alpha_{i_n}^n| \cdot a_{i_n}^k \geq \varepsilon \cdot \|\sigma\|_{c_0}$.

(ix) \Rightarrow (i): We prove that $\text{Id}: \Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda$ transforms bounded subsets into compactoid subsets. Observe that (ix) means that $\lim_n S_n = \text{Id}$ in $L_{\sigma}(\Lambda, \Lambda)$. Then apply Proposition 4 in [2]. ■

The next corollary is for later use.

COROLLARY 3.6. *If for every $k \in N$ and every subsequence (i_n) of the indices there exists $h > k$ such that the sequence $(a_{i_n}^h / a_{i_n}^k)_n$ is bounded, then $K(A)$ is an FM-space.*

PROOF. An analysis of the proof of (vii) \Rightarrow (viii) shows that if $K(A)$ is not an FM-space, there exist a subsequence of the indices (i_n) and elements η_{i_n} in K , $n = 1, 2, \dots$ such that the linear map $T: c_0 \rightarrow \text{Im } T : (\sigma_n) \rightarrow (\sigma_n \eta_{i_n})$ is an isomorphism of c_0 into Λ .

Consider now in c_0 the subspace $c_{(0)}$ generated by the unit vectors e_1, e_2, \dots . Then $c_{(0)}$ is isomorphic to the subspace F of $K(A)$ generated by e_{i_1}, e_{i_2}, \dots . Therefore the topology induced by $K(A)$ on F is normable. This means that there exists k such that for all $h > k$ there exists $t_h > 0$ with $p_h(\delta) \leq t_h \cdot p_k(\delta)$ for all $\delta \in K(A)$. In particular, for $\delta = e_{i_n}$,

$n = 1, 2, \dots$, we have that there is a k such that for all $h > k$, there exists $t_h > 0$ with $a_{i_n}^h \leq t_h \cdot a_{i_n}^k$ for all n , and we are done. ■

4. Characterizations of nuclear spaces among FM-spaces. We start this section with the construction of an FM-space which is not nuclear.

EXAMPLE 4.1. For $k = 1, 2, \dots$, consider the infinite matrix

$$A^k = (a_{ij}^k) = \begin{pmatrix} 1^k & \dots & 2^k & \dots & j^k & \dots \\ 1^k & \dots & 2^k & \dots & j^k & \dots \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & & \dots \\ (k+1)^k & \dots & (k+1)^k & \dots & (k+1)^k & \dots \\ (k+2)^k & \dots & (k+2)^k & \dots & (k+2)^k & \dots \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & & \dots \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow (k+1)$$

We can think of A^k as a sequence for some order, $k = 1, 2, \dots$ (we fix the same order for all k). We then consider the Köthe space

$$K(A) = \{ \beta = (\beta_{ij}) : \lim_{ij} |\beta_{ij}| \cdot a_{ij}^k = 0, k = 1, 2, \dots \}$$

equipped with the sequence of norms (p_k) where $p_k(\beta) = \max_{ij} |\beta_{ij}| \cdot a_{ij}^k$.

We first show that $K(A)$ is not nuclear. If $k > 1$, then the sequence (a_{ij}^1/a_{ij}^k) contains a constant sequence. Then by [3] Proposition 3.5 the conclusion follows.

We now apply Corollary 3.6 in order to prove that $K(A)$ is an FM-space.

Choose k and any subsequence of the indices $(i_n, j_m)_{n,m}$. We consider the corresponding elements $a_{i_n j_m}^k$ of A^k . There are several possibilities.

a) The subsequence $(a_{i_n j_m}^k)_{n,m}$ contains an infinite number of elements of some row of A^k .

If this row is between the rows $1, \dots, k$, take $h = k + 1$. Then the sequence of the quotients $(a_{i_n j_m}^h/a_{i_n j_m}^k)_{n,m}$ is unbounded.

If this row is the $(k + r)$ -th row for some $r \geq 1$, then take $h = k + r$.

b) The subsequence $(a_{i_n j_m}^k)_{n,m}$ consists of finitely many elements of an infinite number of rows. Consider then a subsequence with one element in an infinite number of rows below the k th row. Such a subsequence looks like

$$(k + l_1)^k, (k + l_2)^k, (k + l_3)^k, \dots$$

with $(l_n)_n$ increasing to infinity. Take now $h = k + 1$. ■

Finally we investigate what the situation exactly is.

DEFINITION 4.2. A locally convex space X is said to be *quasinormable* if for every zero-neighbourhood U in X there exists a zero-neighbourhood V in X , $V \subset U$, such that on U^0 the topology $\beta(X', X)$ coincides with norm topology of X'_V .

DEFINITION 4.3. Let X be a locally convex space. A sequence $(a_n) \subset X'$ is said to be *locally convergent to zero* if there exists a zero-neighbourhood U in X such that $(a_n) \subset X'_U$ and $\lim_n \|a_n\|_{U^0} = 0$.

THEOREM 4.4. For an FM-space E the following properties are equivalent.

- (i) E is nuclear;
- (ii) E is quasinormable.
- (iii) Every $\beta(E', E)$ -convergent sequence in E' is locally convergent.

PROOF. The implications (i) \Rightarrow (ii) and (ii) \Rightarrow (iii) follow by [2], Proposition 14 and [5], 5.2 respectively.

(iii) \Rightarrow (i) Since E is of countable type (Theorem 3.1) its topology can be described by the $\sigma(E', E)$ -null sequences on E' ([4], Theorem 3.2). By Theorem 3.3 (i) \Rightarrow (iv) these sequences are null-sequences in $\beta(E', E)$ and by (iii) they are locally convergent to zero. The conclusion then follows from [5], 4.6.i). ■

COROLLARY 4.5. The Köthe space in 4.1 is also an example of an FM-space which is not quasinormable.

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