

A Jubilee Theorem for Pepe Bonet

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Definition

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for any sequence $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ and any x in E . On the other hand, $\|\cdot\|$ is said to be **rotund (R)**, for short), or **strictly convex**, if

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A family of subsets \mathcal{N} in a topological space (T, τ) is a **network** for the topology τ if for every $W \in \tau$ and every $x \in W$, there is some $N \in \mathcal{N}$ such that $x \in N \subset W$.

A central result for the theory is the following one due to Moltó, Troyanski, Raja and myself:

Theorem (Slicely Network)

Let E be a normed space, F a norming subspace of E^ and \mathcal{H} the family of all $\sigma(E, F)$ -open half-spaces in E . Then E admits a $\sigma(E, F)$ -lower semicontinuous equivalent **LUR** norm if, and only if, there is a sequence $\{A_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ of subsets of E such that for every $\epsilon > 0$ and every $x \in E$ there is a $\sigma(E, F)$ -open half space H and an integer n such that*

$$x \in A_n \cap H \text{ and } \|\cdot\| \text{-diam}(A_n \cap H) < \epsilon.$$

Theorem (Open Localization Theorem)

Let A be a bounded subset in E and $\mathcal{C} = \{\Theta_i : i \in I\}$ be $\sigma(E, F)$ -closed convex subsets of E .

Then, there is an equivalent $\sigma(E, F)$ -lower semicontinuous norm $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}, A}$ such that:

If $x \in A \setminus \Theta_{i_0}$ for some $i_0 \in I$, and $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ is a sequence in E such that $\lim_n Q_{\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}, A}}(x_n, x) = 0$, then there is a sequence $\{i_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ in I such that:

There is $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $x \in A \setminus \Theta_{i_n}$ for each $n \geq n_0$.

Moreover, if for some $n \geq n_0$ we have $x_n \in A$, then $x_n \in A \setminus \Theta_{i_n}$.

Theorem (Open localization plus approximation theorem)

Let A be a bounded subset in E and $\mathcal{C} := \{\Theta_i : i \in I\}$ be a family of convex and $\sigma(E, F)$ -closed subsets of E .

Then there is an equivalent $\sigma(E, F)$ -lower semicontinuous norm $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}, A}$ on E such that given $x \in A \setminus \Theta$ for some $\Theta \in \mathcal{C}$ and a sequence $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ in E with $\lim_n Q_{\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{C}, A}}(x_n, x) = 0$, then there is a sequence $\{i_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ in I verifying the two following properties:

- (i) There is $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ with $x \in A \setminus \Theta_{i_n}$ for each $n \geq n_0$. Moreover, if $x_n \in A$ for some $n \geq n_0$, then $x_n \in A \setminus \Theta_{i_n}$.
- (ii) Additionally we will still have the following approximation:
For every $\delta > 0$ there is some $n_\delta \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$x, x_n \in \overline{\operatorname{co}(A \setminus \Theta_{i_n})}^{\sigma(E, F)} + \delta B_E \quad \text{for all } n \geq n_\delta. \quad (4)$$

Theorem (Δ -Convex Networking)

The following are equivalent:

- (i) *E admits a $\sigma(E, F)$ -lower semicontinuous equivalent LUR norm.*
- (ii) *If $\{A_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ denotes the sequence of balls centered at 0 and having rational radius, and \mathcal{H} denotes the family of all open half-spaces defined by elements in F , then the family of sets $\{A_n \cap H : H \in \mathcal{H}, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is a network for the norm topology in E .*
- (iii) *There is a sequence $\{A_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ of $\sigma(E, F)$ -closed convex subsets of E such that the family of sets*

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- (iv) *There is a sequence $\{A_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ of subsets of E such that the family of sets $\{A_n \setminus \Theta : \Theta \in \mathcal{C}, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is a network for the norm topology in E .*

Theorem (A new main LUR result)

A Banach space E , with a norming subspace $F \subset E^$, has an equivalent $\sigma(E, F)$ -lower semicontinuous LUR norm if, and only if:*

There is a sequence $\{A_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ of subsets of E such that, given any $x \in E$ and $\epsilon > 0$, there is a $\sigma(E, F)$ -open half-space H and $n \in \mathbb{N}$ with

$$x \in H \cap A_n \subset S_n^H + B(0, \epsilon)$$

where S_n^H is a separable subset of E .

Corollary

A Banach space E with a norming subspace $F \subset E^$, has an equivalent $\sigma(E, F)$ -lower semicontinuous LUR norm if, and only if, it has another one with separable denting faces of its closed unit ball.*

- This result completely solves four problems asked by Moltó, Troyanski, Valdivia and myself. It is an extension of Troyanski's fundamental results (see Chapter IV in Deville -Godefroy -Zizler book), as well as Raja's theorems in LUR renormings and García-Oncina-Troyanski and J.O.
- Banach spaces $C(K)$, where K is a Rosenthal compact space $K \subset \mathbb{R}^\Gamma$ (i.e., a compact space of Baire one functions on a Polish space Γ ,) with at most countably many discontinuity points for every $s \in K$, (question asked by R. Haydon, A.Moltó and myself)

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We say that a topological space (X, τ) **is a $T_0(*)$ -space** or that the topology τ **is $T_0(*)$** if there is a system $\{\mathcal{W}_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$, where each \mathcal{W}_n is a family of open sets, such that for $x \neq y$ there is some $p \in \mathbb{N}$ for which either we have

$$y \notin \text{Star}(x, \mathcal{W}_p) \neq \emptyset \text{ or } x \notin \text{Star}(y, \mathcal{W}_p) \neq \emptyset.$$

For a family \mathcal{F} of subsets of X , let us remind you:

$$\text{Star}(x, \mathcal{F}) := \bigcup \{F : x \in F \in \mathcal{F}\}.$$

Systems $\{\mathcal{W}_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ are said to **$T_0(*)$ -separate points of E** . For a system $\{\mathcal{G}_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$, where each \mathcal{G}_n consists of functions from E into \mathbb{R} , we say that $\{\mathcal{G}_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ **$T_0(*)$ -separates points of E** whenever the system $\{\mathcal{O}_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ **$T_0(*)$ -separates points of E** , where $\mathcal{O}_n := \{O_g : g \in \mathcal{G}_n\}$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and

$$O_g := \{x \in E : g(x) > 0\}. \quad (5)$$

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