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# **ON CERTAIN BARRELLED NORMED SPACES**

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Let  $\mathscr{A}$  be a  $\sigma$ -algebra on a set X. If A belongs to  $\mathscr{A}$  let e(A) be the function defined on X taking value 1 in every point of A and vanishing in every point of  $X \sim A$ . Let  $\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathscr{A})$  be the linear space over the field K of real or complex numbers generated by  $\{e(A) : A \in \mathscr{A}\}$  endowed with the topology of the uniform convergence. We shall prove that if  $(E_n)$  is an increasing sequence of subspaces of  $\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathscr{A})$  covering  $\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathscr{A})$  there is a positive integer p such that  $E_p$  is a dense barrelled subspace of  $\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathscr{A})$ , and we shall deduce some new results in measure theory from this fact.

1. The space  $\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathscr{A})$ .

If  $z \in l_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A})$  and if z(j) denotes its value in the point j of X we define the norm of z in the following way:

$$||z|| = \sup \{|z(j)| : j \in X\}.$$

Given a member A of  $\mathscr{A}$  we denote by  $\ell_0^{\infty}(A, \mathscr{A})$  the subspace of  $\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathscr{A})$  generated by  $\{e(M) : M \in \mathscr{A}, M \subset A\}$ . We write  $(\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathscr{A}))'$  to denote the Banach space conjugate of  $\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathscr{A})$ . If  $u \in (\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathscr{A}))', u(A)$  stands for restriction of u to  $\ell_0^{\infty}(A, \mathscr{A})$ . The norm of u(A) is denoted by ||u(A)|| and the value of u at the point z is written  $\langle u, z \rangle$ . If  $A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_n$  are disjoint members of  $\mathscr{A}$  and contained in A then

$$\sum_{p=1}^{n} \|u(A_{p})\| \le \|u(A)\|$$
(1)

since if every any  $\epsilon > 0$  we take  $z_p$  in  $\ell_0^{\infty}(A_p, \mathscr{A})$  with

$$||z_p|| \leq 1, \langle u, z_p \rangle \geq ||u(\mathbf{A}_p)|| - \frac{\epsilon}{n}, \quad p = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Then  $z = \sum_{p=1}^{n} z_p$  has norm less than or equal to 1, belongs to  $\ell_0^{\infty}(A, \mathcal{A})$  and

$$||u(\mathbf{A})|| \ge |\langle u, z \rangle| \ge \sum_{p=1}^{n} ||u(\mathbf{A}_{p})|| - \epsilon$$

and (1) follows.

PROPOSITION 1. - Let B be the closed unit ball of real  $\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A})$ . Then the absolutely convex hull of  $\{e(A) : A \in \mathcal{A}\}$  contains  $\frac{1}{2}B$ .

*Proof.* – If  $z \in \frac{1}{2}$  B and if z takes exactly two non vanishing values, we obtain  $A_1, A_2, A_3 \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $A_i \cap A_j = \phi$ ,  $i \neq j$ , i, j = 1, 2, 3 such that  $A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3 = X$  and such that

$$z(j) = \alpha, \ j \in A_1; \ z(j) = \beta, \ j \in A_2; \ z(j) = 0, \ j \in A_3.$$

Then  $|\alpha| \leq \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $|\beta| \leq \frac{1}{2}$  and

$$z = \alpha e(A_1) + \beta e(A_2)$$

and therefore z belongs to the absolutely convex hull of  $\{e(A): A \in \mathscr{A}\}$ .

By recurrence we suppose that for a  $p \ge 2$  every vector of  $\frac{1}{2}$  B taking exactly p non vanishing values belongs to the absolutely convex hull of  $\{e(A) : A \in \mathcal{A}\}$ . If  $z \in \frac{1}{2}$  B taking p + 1 non vanishing values we descompose X in  $A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_{p+2}$  members of  $\mathcal{A}$  such that z takes the value  $\alpha_j$  in  $A_j$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \ldots, p + 1$  and zero in  $A_{p+2}$ . Since p is larger than or equal to 2, z takes two different values of the same sign. We can suppose that  $0 < \alpha_1 < \alpha_2$  or  $\alpha_2 < \alpha_1 < 0$ . If  $0 < \alpha_1 < \alpha_2$  we consider the vectors  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  which coincide with z in  $A_2 \cup A_3 \cup \ldots \cup A_{p+2}$  such that  $z_1$  takes the value  $\alpha_2$  in  $A_1$  and  $z_2$  takes the value zero in  $A_1$ . Then  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  take p non zero different values and since  $z_1, z_2 \in \frac{1}{2}$  B they belong to the absolutely convex hull M of  $\{e(A) : A \in \mathcal{A}\}$ . Since  $0 < \frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_2} < 1$  then

$$\frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_2} z_1 + \left(1 - \frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_2}\right) z_2 = z$$

belongs to M. If  $\alpha_2 < \alpha_1 < 0$  then  $0 < -\alpha_1 < -\alpha_2$  and so  $-z \in M$  and therefore  $z \in M$ .

q.e.d.

PROPOSITION 2. -Let B be the closed unit ball of complex  $\mathfrak{L}_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A})$ . Then the absolutely convex hull of  $\{e(A) : A \in \mathcal{A}\}$  contains  $\frac{1}{4}$  B.

*Proof.* – If  $z \in \frac{1}{4}$  B we write

$$z = z_1 + i z_2$$

where  $z_1$ ,  $z_2$  are real vectors of  $\frac{1}{4}$  B. According to Proposition 1 the vectors  $2z_1$  and  $2z_2$  belong to the absolutely convex hull of  $\{e(A) : A \in \mathcal{A}\}$ . Then

$$z = \frac{1}{2} (2z_1) + \frac{i}{2} (2z_2)$$

belongs also to the absolutely convex hull of  $\{e(A) : A \in \mathcal{A}\}$ .

q.e.d.

Note 1. — If  $A \in \mathscr{A}$  let  $\mathscr{B} = \{A \cap B : B \in \mathscr{A}\}$ . Then  $\mathscr{B}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra and we can suppose that  $\ell_0^{\infty}(A, \mathscr{B})$  coincides with  $\ell_0^{\infty}(A, \mathscr{A})$ . Given an absolutely convex set T of  $\ell_0^{\infty}(A, \mathscr{A})$  which is not a neighbourhood of the origin and given any positive real number  $\lambda$  we can apply Proposition 1 or Proposition 2 to  $\ell_0^{\infty}(A, \mathscr{A}) = \ell_0^{\infty}(A, \mathscr{B})$  to obtain a member  $A_1$  of  $\mathscr{A}$  contained in A so that  $\lambda e(A_1) \notin T$ .

Given a closed absolutely convex set U of  $\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathscr{A})$  we say that the member  $A \in \mathscr{A}$  has property U if there is a finite set Q in  $\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathscr{A})$  such that if V is the absolutely convex hull of  $U \cup Q$ then  $V \cap \ell_0^{\infty}(A, \mathscr{A})$  is a neighbourhood of the origin in  $\ell_0^{\infty}(A, \mathscr{A})$ . Obviously, if A has property U,  $B \subset A$ ,  $B \in \mathscr{A}$ , then B also has property U.

PROPOSITION 3. – If  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  does not possess property U and if  $A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_n$  are elements of  $\mathcal{A}$  which are a partition of A there is an integer  $q, 1 \leq q \leq n$ , such that  $A_a$  does not have property U.

*Proof.* – We suppose that  $A_p$ , p = 1, 2, ..., n, have property U. There is a finite set  $Q_p$  in  $\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathscr{A})$  such that if  $U_p$  is the absolutely convex hull of  $U \cup Q_p$  then  $V_p = U_p \cap \ell_0^{\infty}(A_p, \mathscr{A})$  is a neighbourhood of the origin in  $\ell_0^{\infty}(A_p, \mathscr{A})$ . Let V be the absolutely convex hull of  $U \cup \begin{pmatrix} n \\ \bigcup p \\ p=1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Since A does not have property U,  $V \cap \ell_0^{\infty}(A, \mathscr{A})$  is not a neighbourhood of the origin in  $\ell_0^{\infty}(A, \mathscr{A})$ . Since  $\ell_0^{\infty}(A, \mathscr{A})$  is the topological direct sum of  $\ell_0^{\infty}(A_1, \mathscr{A})$ ,  $\ell_0^{\infty}(A_2, \mathscr{A}), \ldots, \ell_0^{\infty}(A_n, \mathscr{A})$ , the absolutely convex hull W of  $\bigcup_{p=1}^n V_p$  is a neighbourhood of the origin in  $\ell_0^{\infty}(A, \mathscr{A})$ . On the other hand, W is contained in V and we arrive at a contradiction.

q.e.d.

PROPOSITION 4. – Suppose that  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  does not have property U. Given a positive integer  $p \ge 2$ , the elements  $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n$  of  $\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A})$  and a positive real number  $\alpha$ , there are p elements  $A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_p$  of  $\mathcal{A}$ , which are a partition of A, and p vectors  $u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_p$  in  $(\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A}))'$  such that, if  $i = 1, 2, \ldots, p$ ,

$$|\langle u_i, e(\mathbf{A}_i)\rangle| > \alpha$$
,  $\sum_{j=1}^n |\langle u_i, x_j\rangle| \le 1$ ,  $|\langle u_i, x\rangle| \le 1$ ,  $\forall x \in \mathbf{U}$ .

*Proof.* - Let Q be the absolutely convex hull of

 $\{e(A), nx_1, nx_2, \ldots, nx_n\}.$ 

Since Q is compact, V = U + Q is a closed absolutely convex set of  $\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathscr{A})$ . Since A does not have property U,  $V \cap \ell_0^{\infty}(A, \mathscr{A})$ is not a neighbourhood of the origin in  $\ell_0^{\infty}(A, \mathscr{A})$  and therefore, according to Note 1, we can choose a subset  $P_{11}$  in A,  $P_{11} \in \mathscr{A}$ , such that

$$\frac{1}{1+\alpha} e(\mathbf{P}_{11}) \notin \mathbf{V}.$$

If V° denotes the polar set of V in  $(\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A}))'$  we can find an element  $u_1 \in V^{\circ}$  such that

$$\left|\langle u_1, \frac{1}{1+\alpha} e(\mathbf{P}_{11})\rangle\right| > 1$$

and therefore

$$|\langle u_1, e(\mathbf{P}_{11})\rangle| > 1 + \alpha > \alpha$$
.

On the other hand, if  $P_{12} = A \sim P_{11}$  we have

$$\langle u_1 e(\mathbf{P}_{11}) \rangle = \langle u_1, e(\mathbf{A}) \rangle - \langle u_1, e(\mathbf{P}_{12}) \rangle$$

thus

$$|\langle u_1, e(\mathbf{P}_{11})\rangle| \leq |\langle u_1, e(\mathbf{A})\rangle| + |\langle u_1, e(\mathbf{P}_{12})\rangle|$$

and so

$$|\langle u_1, e(\mathbf{P}_{12})\rangle| \ge |\langle u_1, e(\mathbf{P}_{11})\rangle| - |\langle u_1, e(\mathbf{A})\rangle| > 1 + \alpha - 1 = \alpha.$$

According to Proposition 3,  $P_{11}$  or  $P_{12}$  does not have property U. We suppose that  $P_{12}$  does not have property U and we set  $A_1 = P_{11}$ . We have that

$$|\langle u_1, e(A_1)\rangle| > \alpha \quad , \quad |\langle u_1, x\rangle| \le 1 \quad , \quad \forall x \in U \quad ,$$
$$\sum_{j=1}^n |\langle u_1, x_j\rangle| = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{n} |\langle u_1, nx_j\rangle| \le \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{n} = 1 \quad .$$

(The same result is obtained if  $P_{11}$  does not have property U and we set  $A_1 = P_{12}$ ).

We apply the same method substituting  $P_{12}$  for A to obtain a division of  $P_{12}$  into two subsets  $A_2$  and  $P_{22}$  belonging to  $\mathscr{A}$  and an element  $u_2 \in (\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathscr{A}))'$  so that

$$\begin{split} |\langle u_2, e(\mathbf{A}_2) \rangle| > \alpha \quad , \quad |\langle u_2, x \rangle| \leq 1 \quad , \quad \forall x \in \mathbf{U} \; , \\ \sum_{j=1}^n |\langle u_2, x_j \rangle| \leq 1 \end{split}$$

so that  $P_{22}$  does not have property U.

Following the same way we obtain a partition  $A_{p-1}$ ,  $P_{(p-1)2}$  of  $P_{(p-2)2}$  and an element  $u_{p-1} \in (\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A}))'$  such that

$$|\langle u_{p-1}, e(\mathbf{A}_{p-1})\rangle| > \alpha , |\langle u_{p-1}, e(\mathbf{P}_{(p-1)2})\rangle| > \alpha ,$$
  
$$|\langle u_{p-1}, x\rangle| \leq 1 , \forall x \in \mathbf{U} , \sum_{j=1}^{n} |\langle u_{p-1}, x_{j}\rangle| \leq 1 .$$

Setting  $u_{p-1} = u_p$ ,  $P_{(p-1)2} = A_p$  the conclusion follows.

q.e.d.

Now we consider a sequence  $(U_n)$  of closed absolutely convex subsets of  $\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A})$  such that the member  $A \in \mathcal{A}$  does not have property  $U_n$  for  $n = n_1, n_2, \ldots, n_p$  and for an infinity of values of n.

PROPOSITION 5. – Given a positive real number  $\alpha$  and the vectors  $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_r$  in  $\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A})$  there are p pairwise disjoint subsets  $M_1, M_2, \ldots, M_p$  in A, belonging to  $\mathcal{A}$  and p elements  $u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_p$  in  $(\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A}))'$  so that, for every  $i = 1, 2, \ldots, p$ ,

$$|\langle u_i, e(\mathbf{M}_i) \rangle| > \alpha$$
,  $\sum_{j=1}^r |\langle u_i, x_j \rangle| \le 1$ ,  $|\langle u_i, x \rangle| \le 1$ ,  $\forall x \in \mathbf{U}_{n_i}$ 

and  $A \sim \bigcup_{i=1}^{p} M_i$  does not have property  $U_n$  for  $n = n_1, n_2, \ldots, n_p$ and for an infinity of values of n.

*Proof.* – According to Proposition 4 we can find a partition  $Q_1, Q_2, \ldots, Q_{p+2} \in \mathcal{A}$  of A and  $v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_{p+2}$  in  $(\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A}))'$  such that, for  $i = 1, 2, \ldots, p + 2$ ,

$$|\langle v_i, e(\mathbf{Q}_i)\rangle| > \alpha \quad , \quad \sum_{j=1}^r |\langle v_i, x_j\rangle| \leq 1 \quad , \quad |\langle v_i, x\rangle| \leq 1 \quad , \quad \forall x \in \mathbf{U}_{n_1}.$$

It is obvious that, for an infinity of values of n, some of the sets

$$Q_1, Q_2, \ldots, Q_{p+2} \tag{2}$$

do not have property  $U_n$ . We suppose that  $Q_1$  does not have property  $U_n$  for an infinity of values of n. On the other hand, given a positive integer q,  $1 \le q \le p$ , some of the sets (2) do not have property  $Un_q$ . Since in (2) are p + 2 elements we can find an element  $Q_h$ ,  $1 \le h \le p + 2$ , such that  $A \sim Q_h$  does not have property  $U_n$  for  $n = n_1, n_2, \ldots, n_p$ . Obviously  $A \sim Q_h$  contains  $Q_1$  and therefore does not have property  $U_n$  for an infinity of values of n. We set  $M_1 = Q_h$ ,  $u_1 = v_h$ , and then

$$|\langle u_1, e(\mathbf{M}_1)\rangle| > \alpha , \sum_{j=1}^r |\langle u_1, x_j\rangle| \le 1 , |\langle u_1, x\rangle| \le 1 , \forall x \in \mathbf{U}_{n_1}.$$

By recurrence we suppose that we already obtained elements  $u_i \in (\Re_0^{\infty}(X, \mathscr{A}))'$ , i = 1, 2, ..., s < p, and pairwise disjoint subsets  $M_1, M_2, ..., M_s \in \mathscr{A}$  such that, for i = 1, 2, ..., s,

$$|\langle u_i, e(\mathbf{M}_i) \rangle| > \alpha \quad , \quad \sum_{j=1}^r |\langle u_i, x_j \rangle| \le 1 \quad , \quad |\langle u_i, x \rangle| \le 1 \quad , \quad \forall x \in \mathbf{U}_{n_i}$$

and  $A \sim \bigcup_{j=1}^{r} M_j$  does not have property  $U_n$  for  $n = n_1, n_2, \dots, n_p$ and for an infinity of values of n. Since  $A \sim \bigcup_{j=1}^{s} M_j$  does not have property  $U_{n_{s+1}}$ , we apply Proposition 4 to obtain a partition  $R_1, R_2, \ldots, R_{p+2}$  of  $A \sim \bigcup_{j=1}^{s} M_j$ , by members of  $\mathscr{A}$ , and elements  $w_1, w_2, \ldots, w_{p+2}$  in  $(\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathscr{A}))'$  so that, for  $i = 1, 2, \ldots, p+2$ ,  $|\langle w_i, e(R_i) \rangle| > \alpha$ ,  $\sum_{j=1}^{r} |\langle w_i, x_j \rangle| \le 1$ ,  $|\langle w_i, x \rangle| \le 1$ ,  $\forall x \in U_{n_{s+1}}$ .

Then some of the subsets

$$R_1, R_2, \dots, R_{p+2}$$
 (3)

do not have property  $U_n$  for an infinity of values of n. We suppose that  $R_1$  does not have property  $U_n$  for an infinity of values of n. As we did before we find an element  $R_k$ ,  $1 < k \le p + 2$ , such that  $\left(A \sim \bigcup_{j=1}^{S} M_j\right) \sim R_k$  does not have property  $U_{n_i}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \ldots, p$ . We set  $M_{s+1} = R_k$ ,  $u_{s+1} = w_k$ . Then, for  $i = 1, 2, \ldots, s + 1$ ,

$$|\langle u_i, e(\mathbf{M}_i) \rangle| > \alpha , \sum_{j=1}^{r} |\langle u_i, x_j \rangle| \leq 1 , |\langle u_i, x \rangle| \leq 1 , \forall x \in \mathbf{U}_{n_i} ,$$

and  $A \sim \bigcup_{j=1}^{s+1} M_j$  does not have property  $U_n$  for  $n = n_1, n_2, \ldots, n_p$ and for an infinity of values of n.

q.e.d.

Now we consider a sequence  $(U_n)$  of closed absolutely convex subsets of  $\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A})$  such that X does not property  $U_n$  for  $n = 1, 2, \ldots$ 

PROPOSITION 6. – There are: (i) a family  $\{A_{ij} : i, j = 1, 2, ...\}$ of pairwise disjoint members of  $\mathcal{A}$ , (ii) a strictly increasing sequence  $(n_i)$  of positive integers and (iii) a set  $\{u_{ij} : i, j = 1, 2, ...\}$  in  $(\mathfrak{Q}_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A}))'$  so that, for i, j = 1, 2, ...

$$|\langle u_{ij}, e(\mathbf{A}_{ij})\rangle| > i + j$$

$$\sum_{\substack{h+k < i+j \\ |\langle u_{ij}, x\rangle| \leq 1}} |\langle u_{ij}, e(\mathbf{A}_{hk})\rangle| \leq 1$$
(4)

*Proof.* – We apply the preceding proposition to obtain an element  $u_{11} \in (\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A}))'$  and an element  $A_{11} \in \mathcal{A}$  so that

$$|\langle u_{11}, e(\mathbf{A}_{11})\rangle| > 2$$
,  $|\langle u_{11}, x\rangle| \leq 1$ ,  $\forall x \in \mathbf{U}_1$ 

and such that  $X \sim A_{11}$  does not have property  $U_n$  for n = 1 and an infinity of values of n. By recurrence suppose we have obtained q integers

$$1 = n_1 < n_2 < \ldots < n_a,$$

and a family  $\{A_{ij}: i+j \leq q+1\}$  of pairwise disjoint elements of  $\mathscr{A}$  and a set  $\{u_{ij}: i+j \leq q+1\}$  in  $(\ell_0^{\infty}(X,\mathscr{A}))'$  so that (4) is verified for  $i+j \leq q+1$  and such that  $X \sim \bigcup_{i+j \leq q+1} A_{ij}$  does not have property  $U_n$  for  $n = n_1, n_2, \ldots, n_q$  and for an infinity of values of n. Let  $n_{q+1}$  be smallest integer larger than  $n_q$  such that  $X \sim \bigcup_{i+j \leq q+1} A_{ij}$  does not have property  $U_{n_{q+1}}$ . We apply now Proposition 5 to  $A = X \sim \bigcup_{i+j \leq q+1} A_{ij}$ , p = q + 1,  $\alpha = q + 2$  and  $\{x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_r\} = \{e(A_{nk}): h+k \leq q+1\}$ . We obtain the pairwise disjoints subsets

$$A_{1(q+1)}, A_{2q}, A_{3(q-1)}, \ldots, A_{(q+1)1}$$

in  $X \sim \bigcup_{i+j \leqslant q+1} A_{ij}$  belonging to  $\mathscr{A}$ , and the elements

 $\begin{aligned} u_{1(q+1)}, u_{2q}, u_{3(q-1)}, \dots, u_{(q+1)1} \\ &\text{in } (\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathscr{A}))' \text{ such that, for } i = 1, 2, \dots, q+1 \\ &|\langle u_{i(q+2-i)}, e(A_{i(q+2-i)})\rangle| > q+2 \\ &\sum_{h+k < q+2} |\langle u_{i(q+2-i)}, e(A_{hk})\rangle| \leq 1 \\ &|\langle u_{i(q+2-i)}, x\rangle| \leq 1 , \quad \forall x \in U_{n_i} \end{aligned}$ 

and  $X \sim \bigcup_{i+j \leq q+2} A_{ij}$  does not have property  $U_n$  for  $n = n_1, n_2, \ldots, n_{q+1}$  and for an infinity of values of n. Proceeding this way we arrive at the desired conclusion.

q.e.d.

PROPOSITION 7. – Let V be a closed absolutely convex subset of  $\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A})$ . If V is not a neighbourhood of the origin in its linear hull L, then X does not have property V.

*Proof.* – Suppose first that the codimension of L in  $\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathscr{A})$  is finite. Let  $\{z_1, z_2, \ldots, z_p\}$  be a cobasis of L in  $\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathscr{A})$ . Let M be the absolutely convex hull of  $\{z_1, z_2, \ldots, z_p\}$ . Then W = V + M is a barrel in  $\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathscr{A})$  such that  $(V + M) \cap L = V$  and thus W is not a neighbourhood of the origin in  $\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A})$ . Let B be any finite subset of  $\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A})$  and let Z be the absolutely convex hull of  $V \cup B$ . We find a positive integer *n* such that  $B \subset nW$ . Then

$$\mathbf{Z} \subset \mathbf{V} + n\mathbf{W} \subset (n+1)\mathbf{W}$$

and therefore Z is not a neighbourhood of the origin in  $\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A})$ , i.e. X does not have property V. If L has infinite codimension in  $\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A})$  and B is any finite subset of  $\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A})$  let Z be the absolutely convex hull of  $V \cup B$ . Then Z is not absorbing in  $\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A})$  and therefore X does not have property V.

q.e.d.

THEOREM 1. – Let  $(E_n)$  be an increasing sequence of subspaces of  $\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A})$  covering  $\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A})$ . Then there is a positive integer psuch that  $E_n$  is a barrelled dense subspace of  $\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A})$ .

*Proof.* – Suppose first that  $E_n$  is not barrelled, n = 1, 2, ...Then, for every positive integer n we can find a barrel  $W_n$  in  $E_n$  which is not a neighbourhood of the origin in  $E_n$ . Let  $U_n$  be the closure of  $W_n$  in  $\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A})$ . According to the preceding proposition, X does not have property  $U_n$  for every n positive integer. We apply Proposition 6 to obtain the pairwise disjoints subsets  $\{A_{ij}: i, j = 1, 2, ...\}$  of X belonging to  $\mathcal{A}$ , the strictly increasing sequence of positive integers  $(n_i)$  and the set  $\{u_{ij}: i, j = 1, 2, ...\}$  in  $(\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A}))'$  with conditions (4).

We order the pairs of all the positive integers in the following way: given two of those pairs  $(p_1, p_2)$  and  $(q_1, q_2)$  we set  $(p_1, p_2) < (q_1, q_2)$  if either  $p_1 + p_2 < q_1 + q_2$  or  $p_1 + p_2 = q_1 + q_2$ and  $p_1 < q_1$ . Setting  $G = \bigcup \{A_{ij} : i, j = 1, 2, \ldots\}$  we find a positive integer *m* such that  $||u_{11}(G)|| < m$ . We make a partition of the set of pairs of positive integers  $\{(i, j) : i + j > 2\}$  in *m* parts  $\mathscr{P}_1^{(11)}, \mathscr{P}_2^{(11)}, \ldots, \mathscr{P}_m^{(11)}$ , so that, in each one, given any positive integer *i* there are infinitely many elements whose first component is *i*. According to (1)

$$\sum_{n=1}^{m} \|u_{11}(\cup \{A_{ij} : (i, j) \in \mathcal{P}_{h}^{(11)}\})\| \leq \|u_{11}(G)\|$$

and thus there is an integer k,  $1 \le k \le m$ , such that

$$||u_{11}(\cup \{A_{ii}: (i, j) \in \mathcal{P}_{k}^{(11)}\})|| < 1.$$

Setting  $\mathscr{P}_{k}^{(11)} = \mathscr{P}^{(11)}$  and using recurrence suppose  $\mathscr{P}^{(11)}, \ldots, \mathscr{P}^{(wt)}$ have already been constructed. If (r, s) is the pair following (w, t)we take in  $\mathscr{P}^{(wt)}$  an element of the form  $(r, r_s)$  with  $r_s > s + 2$ . We find a positive integer q such that  $||u_{rr_s}(G)|| < q$ . We make a partition of the set  $\{(i, j) \in \mathscr{P}^{(wt)} : i + j > r + r_s\}$  in q parts  $\mathscr{P}_1^{(rs)}, \mathscr{P}_2^{(rs)}, \ldots, \mathscr{P}_q^{(rs)}$  so that, in every one, given any positive integer i, there are infinitely many elements whose first component is i. We have that

$$\sum_{h=1}^{q} \|u_{rr_{s}}(\cup \{A_{ij}: (i, j) \in \mathcal{P}_{h}^{(rs)}\})\| \leq \|u_{rr_{s}}(G)\|$$

and therefore there is a positive integer  $\ell$ ,  $1 \leq \ell \leq q$ , such that

$$\|u_{rr_{g}}(\cup \{A_{ij}: (i,j) \in \mathscr{P}_{g}^{(rs)}\})\| < 1.$$
(5)

We set  $\mathscr{P}_{\varrho}^{(rs)} = \mathscr{P}^{(rs)}$  and we continue the construction in the same way. We set  $A_{rr_s} = A_{11}$  for r = s = 1 and H for

Since  $(E_n)$  is an increasing sequence and covers  $\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A})$  there is a positive integer r such that  $U_{n_r}$  absorbs e(H) and therefore there is a positive number  $\lambda$  such that  $\lambda e(H) \subset U_n$ .

On the other hand,

$$\langle u_{rr_s}, e(\mathbf{H}) \rangle = \langle u_{rr_s}, e(\mathbf{A}_{rr_s}) \rangle + \sum_{\substack{n+n_m < r+r_s \\ + \langle u_{rr_s}, e(\cup \{\mathbf{A}_{nn_m} : n+n_m > r+r_s\}) \rangle }$$

and therefore, according to (4) and (5),

$$\begin{split} |\langle u_{rrs}, e(\mathbf{H}) \rangle| \\ \geqslant |\langle u_{rr_s}, e(\mathbf{A}_{rr_s}) \rangle| &- \sum_{n+n_m < r+r_s} |\langle u_{rr_s}, e(\mathbf{A}_{nn_m}) \rangle| \\ &- |\langle u_{rr_s}, e(\cup \{\mathbf{A}_{nn_m} : n+n_m > r+r_s\}) \rangle| \\ \geqslant r+r_s - \sum_{i+j < r+r_s} |\langle u_{rr_s}, e(\mathbf{A}_{ij}) \rangle| \\ &- |\langle u_{rr_s}(\cup \{\mathbf{A}_{nn_m} : n+n_m > r+r_s\}) \rangle| \\ \geqslant r+r_s - 1 - ||u_{rr_s}(\cup \{\mathbf{A}_{ij} : (i,j) \in \mathcal{P}^{(rs)}\})|| \\ \geqslant r+r_s - 1 - 1 \ge r+s \end{split}$$

and thus

$$\lim_{s \to \infty} |\langle u_{rr_s}, e(\mathbf{H}) \rangle| = \infty.$$
 (6)

On the other hand, since  $\lambda e(\mathbf{H}) \in U_{n_n}$ , we apply (4) to obtain

$$|\langle u_{rr}, \lambda e(\mathbf{H}) \rangle| \leq 1$$

which contradicts (6) and therefore there is a positive integer  $m_0$  such that  $E_{m_0}$  is a barrelled space.

Next we suppose that  $E_n$  is not dense in  $\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A})$  for  $n = 1, 2, \ldots$  Let  $\overline{E}_n$  be the closure of  $E_n$  in  $\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A})$ . Let  $V_n$  be a closed absolutely convex neighbourhood of the origin in  $\overline{E}_n$ . Obviously,  $\overline{E}_n$  is of infinite codimension in  $\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A})$ , hence X does not have property  $V_n$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \ldots$  Following the preceding argument we arrive at contradiction and therefore there is a positive integer  $n_0$  so that  $E_{n_0}$  is dense in  $\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A})$ .

The sequence  $(E_{n_0+r})$  is increasing and  $\bigcup_{r=1}^{\infty} E_{n_0+r} = \ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A})$ and therefore there is a positive integer  $r_0$  so that  $E_{n_0+r_0}$  is barrelled. If  $p = n_0 + r_0$ ,  $E_p$  is barrelled and dense in  $\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A})$ .

q.e.d.

Note 2. – If we take natural number N for X in Theorem 1, the set of the parts  $\mathscr{P}(N)$  of N for  $\mathscr{A}$  and  $E_n = \ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathscr{A})$  we obtain the well known result which asserts the barrelledness of  $\ell_0^{\infty}(N, \mathscr{P}(N))$  [3, p. 145].

# 2. Applications to the space of the bounded finite additive measures on a $\sigma$ -algebra.

We denote by  $H(\mathcal{A})$  the linear space over K of the K-valued finitely additive bounded measures on  $\mathcal{A}$  such that if  $\mu \in H(\mathcal{A})$  its norm is the variation  $|\mu|$  of  $\mu$ . A set M of  $H(\mathcal{A})$  is simply bounded in a subset  $\mathcal{B}$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  if, for every  $A \in \mathcal{B}$ ,

$$\sup \{ |\mu(\mathbf{A})| : \mu \in \mathbf{M} \} < \infty.$$

Let T be the linear mapping of  $H(\mathscr{A})$  into  $(\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathscr{A}))'$  such that, if  $\mu \in H(\mathscr{A})$ , then

$$\langle T(\mu), e(A) \rangle = \mu(A), \quad \forall A \in \mathscr{A}.$$

It is obvious that T is a topological isomorphism between the Banach spaces  $H(\mathcal{A})$  and  $(\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A}))'$ .

THEOREM 2. – Let  $(\mathcal{A}_n)$  be an increasing sequence of subsets of  $\mathcal{A}$  covering  $\mathcal{A}$ . Then, there is a positive integer p such that, if M is a subset of  $H(\mathcal{A})$  simply bounded in  $\mathcal{A}_p$  then M is bounded in  $H(\mathcal{A})$ .

*Proof.* – Let  $E_n$  be the subspace of  $\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A})$  generated by  $\{e(A) : A \in \mathcal{A}_n\}$ . The sequence  $(E_n)$  is increasing and covers  $\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A})$ . According to Theorem 1 there is a positive integer p such that  $E_p$  is a dense barrelled subspace of  $\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A})$ . If M is simply bounded in  $\mathcal{A}_p$  then its image by T, T(M) is a bounded subset of

$$(\mathfrak{l}_{0}^{\infty}(\mathbf{X}, \mathcal{A}))' [\sigma((\mathfrak{l}_{0}^{\infty}(\mathbf{X}, \mathcal{A}))', \mathbf{E}_{n})]$$

and, since  $E_p$  is barrelled, T(M) is bounded in  $(\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A}))'$  and therefore M is a bounded subset of  $H(\mathcal{A})$ .

q.e.d.

THEOREM 3. – If  $(\mathcal{A}_n)$  is an increasing sequence of subsets of  $\mathcal{A}$  covering  $\mathcal{A}$  there is a positive integer p such that, if  $(\mu_n)$  is a sequence in  $H(\mathcal{A})$  so that  $(\mu_n(A))$  is a Cauchy sequence for every  $A \in \mathcal{A}_p$ , then  $(\mu_n)$  is weakly convergent in  $H(\mathcal{A})$ .

*Proof.* – Let p be the positive integer determined by the preceding theorem. Then  $(T(\mu_n))$  is a Cauchy sequence in

$$(\mathfrak{l}_0^{\infty}(\mathbf{X}, \mathscr{A}))' [\sigma((\mathfrak{l}_0^{\infty}(\mathbf{X}, \mathscr{A}))', \mathbf{E}_p)].$$

Since  $E_p$  is barrelled, then  $(T(\mu_n))$  converges to an element v in

$$(\ell_0^{\infty}(\mathbf{X}, \mathcal{A}))' [\sigma((\ell_0^{\infty}(\mathbf{X}, \mathcal{A}))', \ell_0^{\infty}(\mathbf{X}, \mathcal{A}))]$$

and thus  $(\mu_n(A))$  converges to  $T^{-1}(v)(A)$ , for every  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ , and therefore  $(\mu_n)$  converges weakly in  $H(\mathcal{A})$  to  $T^{-1}(v)$ , [2].

q.e.d.

## 3. Applications to certain locally convex spaces.

The linear spaces we shall use are defined over the field K of the real or complex numbers. Given the dual pair  $\langle E, F \rangle$ ,  $\sigma(E, F)$ 

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denotes the topology on E of the uniform convergence on every finite subset of F. The word "space" will mean "separated locally convex topological linear spaces". Given a space E, its topological dual is E' and its algebraic dual is E\*. A finite additive measure  $\mu$  with values in E on a  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  is bounded if the set  $\{\mu(A) : A \in \mathcal{A}\}$  is bounded in E. The finite additive measure  $\mu$ is exhaustive if given any sequence  $(A_n)$  of pairwise disjoints elements of  $\mathcal{A}$  the sequence  $(\mu(A_n))$  converges to the origin in E. If  $\mu$  is a countably additive measure then  $\mu$  is bounded.

A sequence  $(x_n)$  in a space E is subseries convergent if for every subset J of the natural numbers N the series  $\sum_{n \in J}^{\infty} x_n$ converges. A sequence is bounded multiplier convergent if for every bounded sequence  $(a_n)$  in K the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n x_n$  converges. Given a subseries convergent sequence it is possible to associate with it an E-valued measure  $\mu$  on the  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathscr{P}(N)$  so that

$$\mu(\mathbf{J}) = \sum_{n \in \mathbf{J}} x_n$$
, for every  $\mathbf{J} \in \mathscr{P}(\mathbf{N})$ .

In [5] we gave the following definition: a) E is a  $\Gamma_r$ -space if every quasicomplete subspace of  $E^*[\sigma(E^*, E)]$  intersecting  $E'[\sigma(E', E)]$  in a dense subspace contains E'. The following results are true [5] b) If  $f: E \longrightarrow F$  is a linear mapping with closed graph, f is continuous if E is a barrelled space and F is a  $\Gamma_r$ -space. c) If F is not a  $\Gamma_r$ -space there is a barrelled space E and a non-continuous linear mapping  $f: E \longrightarrow F$  with closed graph. d) If  $f: E \longrightarrow F$ is a continuous linear mapping, being E barrelled and F  $\Gamma_r$ -space then f can be extend in a continuous linear mapping of the completion  $\hat{E}$  of E into F.

THEOREM 4. – Let  $\mu$  be a bounded additive measure from a  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  on X in a space E. Let  $(F_n)$  be an increasing sequence of  $\Gamma_r$ -spaces covering a space F. If  $f: E \longrightarrow F$  is a linear mapping with closed graph there is a positive integer q such that  $f \circ \mu$  is a  $F_a$ -valued bounded finite additive measure on  $\mathcal{A}$ .

*Proof.* – Let  $S: \ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A}) \longrightarrow E$  be the linear mapping defined by  $S(e(A)) = \mu(A)$  for every  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ . Since  $\mu$  is bounded S is continuous and therefore  $T = f \circ S$  is a linear mapping with

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closed graph. The increasing sequence  $(T^{-1}(F_n))$  covers  $\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A})$ and according to Theorem 1 there is a positive integer q such that  $T^{-1}(F_q)$  is barrelled and dense in  $\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A})$ . Let  $T_q = T | T^{-1}(F_q)$ and according to d)  $T_q$  can be extended continuously  $\overline{T}_q : \ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A}) \longrightarrow F_q$ . Since T has closed graph there is on F a separated locally convex topology  $\mathcal{T}$  (see 4) coarser than the original topology such that  $T : \ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A}) \longrightarrow F[\mathcal{I}]$  is continuous. Then T and  $\overline{T}_q$  are continuous from  $\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A})$  in  $F[\mathcal{I}]$  and coincide on a dense subspace and thus are coincident on  $\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A})$  from which the conclusion follows.

q.e.d.

COROLLARY 1.4. – Let  $(F_n)$  be an increasing sequence of  $\Gamma_r$ spaces covering a space F and let  $f: E \longrightarrow F$  be a linear mapping with closed graph, being E a space. If  $(x_n)$  is a subseries convergent sequence in E there is a positive integer q such that  $(f(x_n))$  is a bounded sequence of  $F_n$ .

*Proof.* – It is enough to consider the measure associated with  $(x_n)$  and to apply the preceding theorem.

q.e.d.

THEOREM 5. – Let  $(F_n)$  be any increasing sequence of  $\Gamma_r$ -spaces covering a space F. If  $(x_n)$  is a subseries convergent sequence in F there is a positive integer q such that  $(x_n)$  is a sequence of  $F_q$  which is bounded multiplier convergent.

**Proof.** – We set  $\ell_0^{\infty}$  to denote  $\ell_0^{\infty}(N, \mathscr{P}(N))$ . Its completion is  $\ell^{\infty}$ . Let  $f: \ell_0^{\infty} \longrightarrow F$  be the linear mapping defined by  $f(e(A) = \sum_{\substack{n \in A \\ 0}} x_n$  for every  $A \subset N$ . It is obvious that  $f: \ell_0^{\infty}[\sigma(\ell_0^{\infty}, \ell^1)] \longrightarrow F$  is continuous. Proceeding as we did in Theorem 4 there is a positive integer q such that  $f^{-1}(F_q)$  is a barrelled dense subspace of  $\ell_0^{\infty}$ . Let g be the restriction of f to  $f^{-1}(F_q)$ . According to result d) we extend g to a linear continuous mapping  $\hat{g}: \ell^{\infty} \longrightarrow F_q$ . Let  $\hat{f}: \ell^{\infty}[\sigma(\ell^{\infty}, \ell^1)] \longrightarrow \hat{F}$  be the linear extension of f, being  $\hat{F}$  the completion of F. The functions  $\hat{f}$  and g coincide in  $f^{-1}(F_q)$  and therefore are equal. Given the bounded sequence  $(a_n)$  in K we set  $v = (a_n)$ ,  $v_p = (b_i)$ ,  $b_i = a_i$ , i = 1, 2, ..., p and  $b_i = 0$ , i = p + 1, p + 2, ... The sequence  $(v_p)$  converges to v in  $\ell^{\infty} [\sigma(\ell^{\infty}, \ell^1)]$ and therefore the sequence  $(\hat{f}(v_p)) = \left(\sum_{n=1}^{p} a_n x_n\right)$  converges to  $\hat{f}(v) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n x_n$  in  $F_q$ . q.e.d.

COROLLARY 1.5. – Let  $(F_n)$  be an increasing sequence of spaces covering a space F. If for every positive integer n there is a topology  $\mathcal{T}_n$  on  $F_n$  finer than the original topology such that  $F_n[\mathcal{T}_n]$  is a  $B_r$ -complete space, then given a subseries convergent sequence  $(x_n)$ in F there is a positive integer q such that  $(x_n)$  is a bounded multiplier convergent series in  $F_q$ .

**Proof.** — Since every  $B_r$ -complete space is a  $\Gamma_r$ -space [5] it results that  $F_n[\mathcal{T}_n]$  is a  $\Gamma_r$ -space and applying c) it is easy to obtain that  $F_n$  is a  $\Gamma_r$ -space. We apply now Theorem 5.

q.e.d.

THEOREM 6. – Let  $(F_n)$  be an increasing sequence of spaces covering a space F. If for every positive integer *n* there is a topology  $\mathcal{T}_n$  on  $F_n$  finer than the original topology of  $F_n$ , such that  $F_n[\mathcal{T}_n]$ is a  $B_r$ -complete space not containing  $\mathfrak{L}^\infty$ , then given a bounded additive measure  $\mu$  on a  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  into F there is a positive integer q so that  $\mu$  is an additive exhaustive measure on  $\mathcal{A}$  into  $F_a[\mathcal{T}_a]$ .

**Proof.** - Let  $T: \ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A}) \longrightarrow F$  be the linear mapping defined by  $T(e(A)) = \mu(A)$  for every  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ . Since  $\mu$  is bounded, T is continuous and following the argument of the proof of Theorem 4 there is a positive integer q such that the image of T is contained in  $F_q$ . Then T has closed graph in  $\ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A}) \times F_q[\mathcal{J}_q]$  and therefore  $T: \ell_0^{\infty}(X, \mathcal{A}) \longrightarrow F_q[\mathcal{J}_q]$  is continuous and thus the set  $\{T(e(A)): A \in \mathcal{A}\} = \{\mu(A): A \in \mathcal{A}\}$  is bounded in  $F_q[\mathcal{J}_q]$ . Since  $\mu$  is bounded in  $F_q[\mathcal{J}_q]$  and this space does not contain  $\ell^{\infty}$  we obtain that  $\mu$  is exhaustive in  $F_q[\mathcal{J}_q]$  [4].

q.e.d.

In [1] the following result is proven and we shall need it later : e) Let  $f: E \longrightarrow F$  be a linear mapping with closed graph being E a space and F a B<sub>r</sub>-complete space. If F does not contain  $\ell^{\infty}$ , f maps every subseries convergent sequence of E in a subseries convergent sequence of F.

THEOREM 7. – Let  $(F_n)$  be an increasing sequence of spaces covering a space F. If for every positive integer n there is a topology  $\mathcal{I}_n$  on  $F_n$  finer than the original topology such that  $F_n[\mathcal{I}_n]$  is a  $B_r$ -complete space not containing  $\mathfrak{L}^{\infty}$ , then given a countably additive measure  $\mu$  on a  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathscr{A}$  into F there is a positive integer q so that  $\mu$  is countably additive measure on  $\mathscr{A}$  into  $F_a[\mathcal{I}_a]$ .

Proof. — As we showed in Theorem 4, it is possible to find a positive integer q such that  $\mu : \mathscr{A} \longrightarrow F_q$  is a countably additive measure. Let  $(A_n)$  be a sequence of pairwise disjoint elements of  $\mathscr{A}$ . Then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_n) = \mu \begin{pmatrix} \bigcup \\ n=1 \end{pmatrix}$  in  $F_q$ . Obviously the sequence  $(\mu(A_n))$  is subseries convergent in  $F_q$ . If J is the canonical mapping of  $F_q$  onto  $F_q[\mathscr{I}_q]$ , J has closed graph in  $F_q \times F_q[\mathscr{I}_q]$  and therefore, according to result e), the sequence  $(J(\mu(A_n))) = (\mu(A_n))$  is subseries convergent in  $F_q(\mathscr{I}_q)$  and thus  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_n) = \mu \begin{pmatrix} \bigcup \\ n=1 \end{pmatrix}$  in  $F_q[\mathscr{I}_q]$ .

COROLLARY 1.7. – Let  $(F_n)$  be an increasing sequence of spaces covering a space F. If for every positive integer n there is a topology  $\mathcal{T}_n$  on  $F_n$  finer than the original topology such that  $F_n[\mathcal{T}_n]$  is a  $B_r$ -complete space not containing  $\mathfrak{Q}^{\infty}$ , then given a subseries convergent sequence  $(x_n)$  in F there is a positive integer q such that  $(x_n)$  is a subseries convergent sequence in  $F_a[\mathcal{T}_a]$ .

*Proof.* – It suffices to take in Theorem 7  $\mathscr{A} = \mathscr{P}(N)$  and  $\mu(A) = \sum_{n \in A} x_n$  for every  $A \in \mathscr{A}$ . q.e.d.

Note 4. — Let E be a space containing a subspace F topologically isomorphic to  $\ell^{\infty}$ . Let u be an injective mapping of  $\ell^{\infty}$  into E such that u is a topological isomorphism of  $\ell^{\infty}$  onto F. Let

 $v: E' \longrightarrow (\ell^{\infty})'$  be its transposed mapping. We can find a closed absolutely convex neighbourhood of the origin U in E such that  $u^{-1}(U)$  is contained in the closed unit ball of  $\ell^{\infty}$ . We consider  $\ell^{1}$ as subspace of  $(\ell^{\infty})'$  in the natural way. We represent bt  $(e_{n})$  the element of  $\ell^{1}$  having zero components but the *n*-th which is 1. If  $(u^{-1}(U))^{0}$  is the polar of  $u^{-1}(U)$  in  $(\ell^{\infty})'$  then  $e_{n} \in (u^{-1}(U))^{0}$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \ldots$ . If  $U^{0}$  is the polar set of U in E' then  $v(U^{0}) = (u^{-1}(U))^{0}$ . Taking  $z_{n} \in U^{0}$  such that  $v(z_{n}) = e_{n}$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \ldots$ , we define  $P: E \longrightarrow F$  in the following way: given  $x \in E$  the sequence  $(\langle z_{n}, x \rangle)$  is in  $\ell^{\infty}$  and we write  $P(x) = u((\langle z_{n}, x \rangle))$ . Since  $U^{0}$  is an equicontinuous set in E' the mapping P is continuous. On the other hand, if  $x \in F$  there is a sequence  $(t_{n}) = t$  in K such that  $t \in \ell^{\infty}$  and u(t) = x. Then

$$\langle z_n, x \rangle = \langle z_n, u(t) \rangle = \langle v(z_n), t \rangle = \langle e_n, t \rangle = t_n$$

and thus P(x) = x. Thus P is a continuous projection of E onto F and thus F has a topological complement in E. As a consequence  $\ell^{\infty}$  can not be contained in any separable space G. The former property is going to be used to show that "B<sub>r</sub>-complete space" can not be substitued by " $\Gamma_r$ -space" in Corollary 1.7. Indeed, if Z is the subspace of  $(\ell^{\infty})'$  orthogonal to  $c_0$  we take an element w in Z,  $w \neq 0$ . Then  $\langle w, e(\{n\}) \rangle = 0$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \ldots$  Let H be the linear hull of  $\ell^1 \cup \{w\}$ . Since  $L = \ell^{\infty}[\sigma(\ell^{\infty}, \ell^1)]$  is separable,  $Q = \ell^{\infty}[\sigma(\ell^{\infty}, H)]$  is also separable [6]. Since Q has a topology coarser than the topology of  $\ell^{\infty}$ , Q is a  $\Gamma_r$ -space not containing  $\ell^{\infty}$ . Since  $\ell_0^{\infty}$  is dense in  $\ell^{\infty}$  there is a subset A in N such that  $\langle w, e(A) \rangle \neq 0$  which means that  $(e(\{n\}))$  is a subseries convergent sequence in L which is not subseries convergent in Q. If we substitued in Theorem 7 "B<sub>r</sub>-complete space" by "sequentially complete  $\Gamma_r$ -space" it can be shown to be valid.

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