

# Locally Complete Spaces, Regularity, and the Banach Disk Closure Property

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### Abstract

We prove that for the inductive limit of sequentially complete spaces regularity or local completeness imply the Banach Disk Closure Property (*BDCP*) (an inductive limit enjoys the *BDCP* if all Banach disks in the steps of the inductive limit are such that their closures, with respect to the inductive limit topology, are Banach discs as well). In particular we obtain that for an inductive limit of sequentially complete spaces, regularity is equivalent to the *BDCP* plus an “almost regularity” condition.

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## 1 Introduction

In 1955 A. Grothendieck proved that a separated inductive limit of Fréchet spaces (an *LF*-space) is locally complete if and only if it is regular ([4]), that is, if  $(E, \tau) = \text{ind}(E_n, \tau_n)$  then for every  $\tau$ -bounded subset  $A \subset E$  there exists an  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $A \subset E_n$  and  $A$  is  $\tau_n$ -bounded. If the steps of the inductive limit are not necessarily Fréchet spaces, an old question attributed to Grothendieck, asks about the relationship between regularity and sequential completeness. In an attempt to answer Grothendieck’s question, Bosch, Floret, Gómez-Wulschner, Kučera, Makarov, McKennon, and Qiu, among other researchers, (see, e.g., [1], [2], [3], [5], [7], [10], [9], [12], and the references therein) have obtained characterizations or sufficient conditions for the regularity of an inductive limit. New concepts and weaker properties than regularity and completeness have appeared to try to answer Grothendieck’s question, some of them will be discussed in this article.

## 2 Definitions and notation

Throughout this paper  $E_1 \subset E_2 \subset \dots$  is a sequence of Hausdorff locally convex vector spaces with topologies  $\tau_n$  and continuous identity maps  $i_n : E_n \hookrightarrow E_{n+1}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Their locally convex inductive limit will be denoted by  $\text{ind}(E_n, \tau_n)$ , and the inductive topology,  $\text{ind}\tau_n$ , will be denoted simply by  $\tau$ . If  $(E, \tau) = \text{ind}(E_n, \tau_n)$  we denote by  $\sigma_n$  and  $\sigma$  the weak topology in  $E_n$  and  $E$  respectively. An inductive limit  $(E, \tau) = \text{ind}(E_n, \tau_n)$  is called *regular* if each bounded set in  $(E, \tau)$  is contained and bounded in some  $(E_n, \tau_n)$ . This is an important and desirable property for an inductive limit and as we have said before it has been

weakened in many different ways. If  $X$  is a locally convex vector space with topology  $\alpha$  and  $A \subset X$ , we denote the closure of  $A$  in  $X$  by  $\overline{A}^\alpha$ .

A weaker notion than regularity that will be of interest to us is the notion of *G-almost regularity* (*GAR* in short) introduced in [5]. An inductive limit  $(E, \tau) = \text{ind}(E_n, \tau_n)$  is said to be *GAR* if for any  $(E, \tau)$ -bounded set  $B$  there exists an  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for any zero neighborhood,  $U \in \tau_n$ , the  $\tau$ -closure of  $U, \overline{U}^\tau$ , absorbs  $B$ .

Let  $(E, \tau)$  be a Hausdorff locally convex vector space and let  $D \subset E$  be a bounded, closed, and absolutely convex set. Let  $E_D = \cup_{k=1}^\infty kD$ , and for each  $x \in E_D$ , let  $\rho_D(x) := \inf\{r > 0 : x \in rD\}$  be the Minkowski seminorm associated to  $D$ . The boundedness of  $D$  implies that the inclusion map  $i : (E_D, \rho_D) \rightarrow (E, \tau)$  is continuous and that  $\rho_D$  is a norm. A bounded, closed, and absolutely convex set  $D \subset E$  is called a  $\tau$ -disk.  $D$  is a *Banach (Baire) disk* if  $(E_D, \rho_D)$  is a Banach (Baire) space. If every bounded set  $B$  is contained in a Banach (Baire) disk we say that  $E$  is *locally complete (Baire)*. It is easy to see that sequentially complete spaces are locally complete and that locally complete spaces are locally Baire.

### 3 Locally complete spaces, regularity, and reflexivity

In this section we study the relationship between *GAR* and the reflexivity of an inductive limit. J. Kučera in [8] proved that if the spaces  $(E_n, \tau_n)$  are all reflexive then the inductive limit  $(E, \tau) = \text{ind}(E_n, \tau_n)$  is reflexive if and only if for any bounded set  $B$  in  $(E, \tau)$  there exists a set  $A$ , bounded in some  $(E_n, \tau_n)$ , such that  $B \subset \overline{A}^\tau$ . This last regularity property, that we call *KAR*, clearly implies *GAR*. Here we will prove a theorem similar to Kučera's theorem (Proposition 3.5 below) by using an essentially different technique (we use locally Baire spaces and *GAR*). For the sake of completeness we write down most of the proofs although some of them are standard arguments in the field.

First we prove the following technical Lemma:

**Lemma 3.1** *Let  $(E, \tau) = \text{ind}(E_n, \tau_n)$ . If  $V$  is a neighborhood of zero in  $(E_n, \tau_n)$  then  $\overline{(E_n)_V}^\tau = \overline{(E_n)_{V^\tau}}^\tau$  where, recall,  $(E_n)_V$  denotes  $\cup_{k=1}^\infty kV$ .*

**Proof.** Clearly  $\overline{(E_n)_V}^\tau \supset \overline{(E_n)_{V^\tau}}^\tau = \cup_{k=1}^\infty k\overline{V}^\tau$ . Now suppose that  $x_0 \in \overline{(E_n)_V}^\tau \setminus \overline{(E_n)_{V^\tau}}^\tau$ . For each  $k \geq 1$ , there exists  $y_k \in (k\overline{V}^\tau)^\circ \subset \overline{(E_n)_{V^\tau}}^\tau$  such that  $|y_k(x_0)| > 1$ .

Since  $\overline{V}^\tau \subset 2\overline{V}^\tau \subset \dots$  we have that  $(\overline{V}^\tau)^\circ \supset (2\overline{V}^\tau)^\circ \supset \dots$ . Now, by Alaoglu's theorem  $(\overline{V}^\tau)^\circ$  is  $\sigma_n^*$ -compact in  $\overline{(E_n)_{V^\tau}}^\tau$  and since  $(y_k) \subset (\overline{V}^\tau)^\circ$  then there exists a  $\sigma_n^*$  convergent subsequence  $(y_{k_m})$  of  $(y_k)$ , say  $y_{k_m} \xrightarrow{\sigma_n^*} y$ . Thus  $y \in (\overline{V}^\tau)^\circ$  and  $|y(x_0)| \geq 1$ .

Now we prove that  $y \in \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} (k\overline{V}^{\tau})^{\circ}$ . Let  $k_0 \geq 1$ , then  $(y_k)_{k \geq k_0} \subset (k_0\overline{V}^{\tau})^{\circ}$ . Then, there exists  $m_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $(y_{k_m})_{m \geq m_0} \subset (k_0\overline{V}^{\tau})^{\circ}$ . Thus  $y \in (k_0\overline{V}^{\tau})^{\circ}$ . On the other hand, since  $(\overline{V}^{\tau})^{\circ} \supset (2\overline{V}^{\tau})^{\circ} \supset \dots$  we have that  $\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} (k\overline{V}^{\tau})^{\circ} = \{0\}$  hence  $y \equiv 0$  which contradicts that  $|y(x_0)| \geq 1$ .

**Proposition 3.2** *Let  $(E, \tau) = \text{ind}(E_n, \tau_n)$ . If  $E$  locally Baire then  $E$  is GAR.*

**Proof.** Let  $B \subset E$  a  $\tau$ -disk. Since  $E$  is locally Baire we have that  $(E_B, \rho_B)$  is a Baire space. Now,  $E_B = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (E_B \cap E_n)$  so by Baire's Category Theorem there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\text{int}(\overline{E_B \cap E_N^{\rho_B}}) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $x_0 \in \text{int}(\overline{E_B \cap E_N^{\rho_B}})$  and  $r > 0$  such that  $x_0 + rB \subset \overline{E_B \cap E_N^{\rho_B}}$ . Since  $\overline{E_B \cap E_N^{\rho_B}}$  is a subspace we have that  $rB \subset -x_0 + \overline{E_B \cap E_N^{\rho_B}} \subset \overline{E_B \cap E_N^{\rho_B}}$ . Then  $B \subset \overline{E_B \cap E_N^{\rho_B}}$  and  $E_B \subset \overline{E_B \cap E_N^{\rho_B}} \subset E_B$ . Thus  $E_B = \overline{E_B \cap E_N^{\rho_B}} \subset \overline{E_B \cap E_N^{\tau}} \subset \overline{E_N^{\tau}}$ .

Now, let  $V$  be a zero neighborhood in  $(E_N, \tau_N)$ . By Lemma 3.1 we have  $(E_N)_{V^{\tau}} = (\overline{E_N^{\tau}})_{\overline{V}^{\tau}} = \overline{E_N^{\tau}}$  so  $E_B = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (E_B \cap k\overline{V}^{\tau})$ . Since  $(E_B, \rho_B)$  is a Baire space, we have, by Baire's Category Theorem, that there exists  $k_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\text{int}(\overline{E_B \cap k_0\overline{V}^{\tau\rho_B}}) \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $z_0 \in \text{int}(\overline{E_B \cap k_0\overline{V}^{\tau\rho_B}}) = \text{int}(E_B \cap k_0\overline{V}^{\tau})$  and  $r_0 > 0$  such that  $z_0 + r_0B \subset E_B \cap k_0\overline{V}^{\tau} \subset k_0\overline{V}^{\tau}$ . Then  $r_0B \subset -z_0 + k_0\overline{V}^{\tau} \subset 2k_0\overline{V}^{\tau}$  and  $B \subset \frac{2k_0}{r_0}\overline{V}^{\tau}$ . Thus  $E$  is GAR.

**Proposition 3.3** *If  $(X, \tau)$  is reflexive then it is locally complete and hence locally Baire.*

**Proof.** Let  $B \subset X$  a disk. Let  $(x_n)$  be a  $\rho_B$ -Cauchy sequence. Clearly  $(x_n)$  is weakly-Cauchy, then there is a  $k_0 > 0$  such that  $(x_n) \subset k_0B$ . Since  $X$  is reflexive  $k_0B$  is weakly compact. Then there exists a subsequence  $(x_{n_k})$  of  $(x_n)$  which weakly-converges to some  $x \in k_0B$ . Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ , then there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $x_n - x_m \in \varepsilon B$  if  $m, n \geq N$ , hence  $x_n - x \in \overline{\varepsilon B}^{\text{weak}} = \varepsilon B$  for all  $n \geq N$ . Thus  $(x_n)$   $\rho_B$ -converges to  $x$  and  $(X_B, \rho_B)$  is Banach.

**Corollary 3.4** *Let  $(E, \tau) = \text{ind}(E_n, \tau_n)$ . If  $(E, \tau)$  is locally complete or reflexive then it is GAR.*

**Proof.** Note that either one local completeness or reflexivity implies that  $(E, \tau)$  is locally Baire. Hence by Proposition 3.2  $(E, \tau)$  is GAR.

**Proposition 3.5** *Let  $(E_n, \tau_n)$  be reflexive for all  $n$ . If  $(E, \tau) = \text{ind}(E_n, \tau_n)$  is KAR then  $(E, \tau)$  is reflexive and regular.*

**Proof.** Let  $B \subset E$  a disk. Since  $(E, \tau)$  is AR there is an  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  and a disk  $A \subset E_N$  such that  $B \subset \overline{A}^{\tau}$ .  $(E_N, \tau_N)$  is reflexive so  $A$  is  $\sigma_N$ -compact hence  $A$  is  $\tau$ -closed so  $B \subset \overline{A}^{\tau} = A \subset E_N$ . So  $(E, \tau)$  is regular. Now  $B$  is  $\tau$ -closed so  $B$  is  $\tau_N$ -closed since  $i : (E_N, \tau_N) \rightarrow (E, \tau)$  is continuous. We have that  $B$  is a  $\tau_N$ -disk and since  $(E_N, \tau_N)$  is reflexive then  $B$  is  $\sigma_N$ -compact. Thus,  $B$  is  $\sigma$ -compact, i.e.,  $(E, \tau)$  is reflexive.

## 4 Regularity and the BDCP

It is well known that the closure of a Banach disk is not necessarily a Banach disk. For instance, in [11, Obs. 8.3.31], an example of an  $(LB)$  space is given, where a Banach disk in some step of the inductive limit is such that its closure with respect to the inductive limit topology is not a Banach disk. When Banach disks in the steps of an inductive limit are such that their closures (again with respect to the inductive limit topology) are Banach disks too, we have what we call the *Banach Disk Closure Property*. For further reference we write this property as,

**Definition 4.1** *We say that  $(E, \tau) = \text{ind}(E_n, \tau_n)$  satisfies the Banach Disk Closure Property (BDCP) if for every  $\tau_n$ -Banach disk  $A \subset E_n$ ,  $\overline{A}^\tau$  is a Banach disk.*

The following theorem shows that the *BDCP* is enjoyed by sequentially complete inductive limits which in addition are either regular, or locally complete. Moreover, the *BDCP* characterizes locally complete inductive limits which are *KAR*.

**Theorem 4.2** *Let  $(E, \tau) = \text{ind}(E_n, \tau_n)$  be such that  $(E_n, \tau_n)$  is sequentially complete for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then,*

- (a) *if  $(E, \tau)$  is regular then it satisfies BDCP*
- (b) *if  $(E, \tau)$  is locally complete it satisfies BDCP*
- (c) *if  $(E, \tau)$  is KAR then  $E$  satisfies BDCP if and only if  $E$  is locally complete.*

**Proof.** To prove (a) let  $A \subset E_n$  be a  $\tau_n$ -Banach Disk. Since  $\tau|_{E_n} < \tau_n$ ,  $A$  is  $\tau$ -bounded in  $E$ , hence  $\overline{A}^\tau$  is also  $\tau$ -bounded in  $E$ . By regularity, there exists  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\overline{A}^\tau \subset E_m$  and it is  $\tau_m$ -bounded there. In this case  $E_{\overline{A}^\tau} = (E_m)_{\overline{A}^\tau} \subset E_m$ . On the other hand, since  $(E_m, \tau_m)$  is sequentially complete it is locally complete, that is,  $(E_{\overline{A}^\tau}, \rho_{\overline{A}^\tau}) = ((E_m)_{\overline{A}^\tau}, \rho_{\overline{A}^\tau})$  is a Banach space.

For (b) let  $A \subset E_n$  be a  $\tau_n$ -disk. Since  $\tau|_{E_n} < \tau_n$ ,  $A$  and consequently  $\overline{A}^\tau$  are  $\tau$ -bounded, hence  $\overline{A}^\tau$  is a  $\tau$ -disk. Since  $E$  is locally complete, there exists  $D \subset E$   $\tau$ -disk such that  $\overline{A}^\tau \subset D$  and  $(E_D, \rho_D)$  is a Banach space. More over,  $\rho_{\overline{A}^\tau} \geq \rho_D|_{E_{\overline{A}^\tau}} \geq \tau|_{E_{\overline{A}^\tau}}$ .

Let  $\{x_n\} \subset E_{\overline{A}^\tau}$  be a  $\rho_{\overline{A}^\tau}$ -Cauchy sequence, then, it is  $\rho_D$ -Cauchy, hence, there is  $x \in E_D$  such that  $\{x_n\} \xrightarrow{\rho_D} x$ . We claim that  $\{x_n\} \xrightarrow{\rho_{\overline{A}^\tau}} x \in E_{\overline{A}^\tau}$ . Indeed, let  $r > 0$ , then, there is  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $x_n - x_m \in rA$  for all  $n, m \geq N$ . By taking the  $\rho_D$ -limit on  $m$  and since  $\overline{A}^\tau$  is  $\rho_D$ -closed we have,  $x_n - x \in rA$

for all  $n \geq N$ . Since we know that  $(E_{\overline{A}^\tau}, \rho_{\overline{A}^\tau})$  is Banach,  $(E, \tau) = \text{ind}(E_n, \tau_n)$  satisfies *BDCP*.

Finally, to prove (c), note that the sufficiency follows immediately from (b). On the other hand, let  $A \subset E$  be a  $\tau$ -disk. Since  $E$  is *KAR* there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $B \subset E_N$  a  $\tau_N$ -disk such that  $A \subset \overline{B}^\tau = D$ . Now, since  $(E_N, \tau_N)$  is sequentially complete then  $B$  is a  $\tau_N$ -Banach disk and the *BDCP* implies that  $D$  is a  $\tau$ -Banach disk. This proves that  $(E, \tau) = \text{ind}(E_n, \tau_n)$  is locally complete.

Note that since the *BDCP* and *KAR* imply local completeness of the inductive limit then we obtain from Theorem 4.2 and Grothendieck's theorem the following,

**Corollary 4.3** *Let  $(E_n, \tau_n)$  be a sequentially complete space for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $(E, \tau) = \text{ind}(E_n, \tau_n)$  is *KAR* and satisfies the *BDCP* if and only if it is regular.*

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