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ON TOPOLOGICAL CLASSIFICATION OF
NON-ARCHIMEDEAN FRÉCHET SPACES

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Abstract. We prove that any infinite-dimensional non-archimedean Fréchet space E is homeomorphic to $D^{\mathbb{N}}$ where D is a discrete space with $\text{card}(D) = \text{dens}(E)$. It follows that infinite-dimensional non-archimedean Fréchet spaces E and F are homeomorphic if and only if $\text{dens}(E) = \text{dens}(F)$. In particular, any infinite-dimensional non-archimedean Fréchet space of countable type over a field \mathbb{K} is homeomorphic to the non-archimedean Fréchet space $\mathbb{K}^{\mathbb{N}}$.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In this paper all linear spaces are over a non-archimedean non-trivially valued field \mathbb{K} which is complete under the metric induced by the valuation $|\cdot|: \mathbb{K} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$. For fundamentals of locally convex Hausdorff spaces (lcs) and normed spaces we refer to [3], [6] and [5].

Any finite-dimensional lcs E is linearly homeomorphic to the Banach space $\mathbb{K}^{\dim E}$ and any infinite-dimensional Banach space of countable type is linearly homeomorphic to the Banach space c_0 of all sequences in \mathbb{K} converging to zero (with the sup-norm) ([5], Theorem 3.16). Nevertheless, there exist Fréchet spaces of countable type without a Schauder basis ([7]).

Van Rooij proved that any infinite-dimensional Banach space E is homeomorphic to $D^{\mathbb{N}}$ where D is a discrete space with $\text{card}(D) = \text{dens}(E)$ ([4], Theorem 3.8 (ii)).

In this note we extend this result to infinite-dimensional Fréchet spaces:

Any infinite-dimensional Fréchet space E is homeomorphic to $D^{\mathbb{N}}$ where D is a discrete space with $\text{card}(D) = \text{dens}(E)$ (Theorem 3).

It follows that infinite-dimensional Fréchet spaces E and F are homeomorphic if and only if $\text{dens}(E) = \text{dens}(F)$ (Corollary 4). In particular, any infinite-dimensional Fréchet space of countable type (over \mathbb{K}) is homeomorphic to the Fréchet space $\mathbb{K}^{\mathbb{N}}$ of all sequences in \mathbb{K} with the topology of pointwise convergence (Corollary 5).

On the other hand any finite-dimensional Fréchet space E (over \mathbb{K}) with $E \neq \{0\}$ is homeomorphic to \mathbb{K} (Proposition 6) (see also [4], Theorem 3.8 (i)).

Finally, we show that any non-compact absolutely convex open subset U in a Fréchet space E is homeomorphic to E (Proposition 9).

2. PRELIMINARIES

\mathbb{N} is the set of all positive integers. The cardinality of a set D is denoted by $\text{card}(D)$. The smallest of the cardinalities of the dense subsets of a topological space X is denoted by $\text{dens}(X)$. The smallest among the cardinalities of the linearly dense subsets of a lcs E is denoted by $t(E)$. If topological spaces X and Y are homeomorphic we write $X \sim Y$.

A subset U in a lcs E is *absolutely convex* if $\alpha x + \beta y \in U$ for all $x, y \in U$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{K}$ with $|\alpha|, |\beta| \leq 1$.

Any open absolutely convex subset in a lcs E is a closed subgroup of E . Hence for any two open absolutely convex subsets A and B in a lcs E with $A \supset B \neq \emptyset$ the topological quotient group (A/B) is discrete.

Any metrizable lcs E possesses a decreasing sequence (U_n) of absolutely convex open subsets which forms a base of neighborhoods of zero in E .

A metrizable lcs is *of countable type* if $t(E) \leq \aleph_0$. A *Fréchet space* is a metrizable complete lcs.

Let (x_n) be a sequence in a Fréchet space F . The series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$ is convergent in F if and only if $\lim x_n = 0$.

For all $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{K}$ we have $|\alpha\beta| = |\alpha||\beta|$ and $|\alpha + \beta| \leq \max\{|\alpha|, |\beta|\}$; if $|\alpha| < |\beta|$ then $|\alpha + \beta| = |\beta|$. The set $J = \{\alpha \in \mathbb{K} : |\alpha| \leq 1\}$ is a subring of \mathbb{K} and $I = \{\alpha \in \mathbb{K} : |\alpha| < 1\}$ is a maximal ideal in J . The field $k = (J/I)$ is the *residue class field* of \mathbb{K} .

3. RESULTS

We will need two lemmas.

Lemma 1. *Let E be a Fréchet space and let (U_n) be a decreasing sequence of open absolutely convex subsets of E which forms a base of neighborhoods of zero in E . Then E is homeomorphic to the product space $\prod_{n=0}^{\infty} (U_n/U_{n+1})$ where $U_0 = E$.*

Proof. Let $n \geq 0$. Denote by π_n the quotient map $U_n \rightarrow (U_n/U_{n+1})$ and let $\psi_n: (U_n/U_{n+1}) \rightarrow U_n$ be a map with $\pi_n(\psi_n(z)) = z$ for any $z \in (U_n/U_{n+1})$. Put $V_n = \psi_n(U_n/U_{n+1})$. Clearly,

$$(*) \quad \forall x, y \in V_n: [(x - y) \in U_{n+1} \Rightarrow x = y].$$

It follows that the set V_n is discrete, so it is homeomorphic to (U_n/U_{n+1}) .

Let $x \in U_0$. Since $\forall n \geq 0 \forall y \in U_n \exists z \in V_n: (y - z) \in U_{n+1}$, we can construct inductively a sequence $(\varphi_n^x) \in \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} V_n$ with $(x - \sum_{n=0}^k \varphi_n^x) \in U_{k+1}$ for any $k \geq 0$.

Clearly, $x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \varphi_n^x$. By induction one can show easily that $\forall n \geq 0: x_n = \varphi_n^x$ for any $(x_n) \in \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} V_n$ with $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x_n = x$. Thus the map $\varphi: U_0 \rightarrow \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} V_n, x \mapsto (\varphi_n^x)$ is a bijection.

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $x, y \in U_0, (x - y) \in U_n$. Then $\sum_{i=0}^k (\varphi_i^x - \varphi_i^y) \in U_{k+1}$ for $k = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$. Using $(*)$ we obtain in turn $\varphi_0^x = \varphi_0^y, \dots, \varphi_{n-1}^x = \varphi_{n-1}^y$. Thus the map φ is continuous.

If $n \in \mathbb{N}, x, y \in U_0$ and $\varphi_k^x = \varphi_k^y$ for $k = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$, then $(x - y) \in U_n$. Hence φ^{-1} is continuous.

We have proved that the spaces E and $\prod_{n=0}^{\infty} (U_n/U_{n+1})$ are homeomorphic. □

Lemma 2. *Let S_1, S_2, \dots, S be infinite discrete topological spaces with $\text{card}(S_n) \leq \text{card}(S_{n+1}), n \in \mathbb{N}$, and $\text{card}(S) = \sup_n \text{card}(S_n)$. Then the product spaces $\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} S_n$ and $S^{\mathbb{N}}$ are homeomorphic.*

Proof. Let $\Phi: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow S_1$ be an injective map such that $\Phi(\mathbb{N}) \neq S_1$. The sets $(S_1 \setminus \Phi(\mathbb{N})) \times \prod_{n=2}^{\infty} S_n$ and $\{\Phi(i)\} \times \prod_{k=2}^{i+2} \{s_k\} \times \prod_{n=i+3}^{\infty} S_n$ for $i \in \mathbb{N}, (s_2, \dots, s_{i+2}) \in S_2 \times \dots \times S_{i+2}$ form an open covering of the space $\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} S_n$. These sets are pairwise

disjoint and each of them is homeomorphic to $\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} S_n$, since $(S_1 \setminus \Phi(\mathbb{N})) \times S_2 \sim S_1 \times S_2$ and $S_{i+3} \sim S_1 \times \dots \times S_{i+3}$, $i \in \mathbb{N}$. The cardinality of this covering is equal to $\text{card}(S)$, because $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \text{card}(S_n) = \text{card}(S)$. It follows that $\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} S_n \sim S \times \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} S_n$.

Since $\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} S_n \sim \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (S_1 \times \dots \times S_n) \sim \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} S_n^{\mathbb{N}} \sim \left(\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} S_n\right)^{\mathbb{N}}$, it follows that $\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} S_n \sim \left(S \times \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} S_n\right)^{\mathbb{N}} \sim S^{\mathbb{N}} \times \left(\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} S_n\right)^{\mathbb{N}} \sim S^{\mathbb{N}} \times \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} S_n \sim \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (S \times S_n) \sim S^{\mathbb{N}}$. \square

Now we can prove our main result.

Theorem 3. *Any infinite-dimensional Fréchet space E is homeomorphic to $D^{\mathbb{N}}$ where D is a discrete space with $\text{card}(D) = \text{dens}(E)$.*

Proof. Since E is not locally compact, there exists a decreasing sequence of open absolutely convex subsets of E which forms a base of neighborhoods of zero in E such that $\text{card}(U_n/U_{n+1}) \geq \aleph_0$ for any $n \geq 0$ (where $U_0 = E$).

Let $n \geq 0$ and $(\alpha_k) \subset \mathbb{K}$ with $|\alpha_k| \rightarrow \infty$. Then $E = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \alpha_k U_n$. If A is a dense subset of U_n , then $\{\alpha_k a : k \in \mathbb{N}, a \in A\}$ is dense in E . Thus $\text{dens}(E) \leq \aleph_0 \text{dens}(U_n)$.

We have $\sup_{m>n} \text{card}(U_n/U_m) = \text{dens}(E)$ for any $n \geq 0$. Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{m>n} \text{card}(U_n/U_m) &\leq \text{dens}(U_n) \leq \text{dens}(E) \leq \aleph_0 \text{dens}(U_n) = \text{dens}(U_n) \\ &\leq \sum_{m>n} \text{card}(U_n/U_m) \leq \aleph_0 \sup_{m>n} \text{card}(U_n/U_m) = \sup_{m>n} \text{card}(U_n/U_m). \end{aligned}$$

Let D be a discrete space with $\text{card}(D) = \text{dens}(E)$.

If $\forall n \geq 0 \exists m > n : \text{card}(U_n/U_m) = \text{dens}(E)$, then there is an increasing sequence $(n_k) \subset \mathbb{N}$ such that $\text{card}(U_{n_k}/U_{n_{k+1}}) = \text{dens}(E)$ for all $k \geq 0$ and $n_0 = 0$. Thus, by Lemma 1, E is homeomorphic to $D^{\mathbb{N}}$.

If $\exists n \geq 0 \forall m > n : \text{card}(U_n/U_m) < \text{dens}(E)$, then there exists an increasing sequence $(n_k) \subset \mathbb{N}$ with $\sup_k \text{card}(U_{n_k}/U_{n_{k+1}}) = \text{dens}(E)$ such that the sequence $(\text{card}(U_{n_k}/U_{n_{k+1}}))_{k=1}^{\infty}$ is increasing. Using Lemmas 1 and 2 we get $E \sim (U_0/U_{n_1}) \times \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (U_{n_k}/U_{n_{k+1}}) \sim (U_0/U_{n_1}) \times D^{\mathbb{N}} \sim D^{\mathbb{N}}$, since $(U_0/U_{n_1}) \times D \sim D$. \square

Because $\text{dens}(A^{\mathbb{N}}) = \text{card}(A)$ for any infinite discrete space A , we obtain

Corollary 4. *Infinite-dimensional Fréchet spaces E and F are homeomorphic if and only if $\text{dens}(E) = \text{dens}(F)$.*

For any infinite-dimensional Fréchet space E of countable type we have $\text{dens}(E) = \text{dens}(\mathbb{K}) = \text{dens}(\mathbb{K}^{\mathbb{N}})$. Thus we get

Corollary 5. *Any infinite-dimensional Fréchet space E of countable type is homeomorphic to $\mathbb{K}^{\mathbb{N}}$.*

For finite-dimensional Fréchet spaces we have the following (compare with [4], Theorem 3.8 (i)).

Proposition 6. *Any finite-dimensional Fréchet space E with $E \neq \{0\}$ is homeomorphic to \mathbb{K} . If \mathbb{K} is locally compact, then it is homeomorphic to $\mathbb{N} \times k^{\mathbb{N}}$ where k is the residue class field of \mathbb{K} . If \mathbb{K} is not locally compact, then it is homeomorphic to $K^{\mathbb{N}}$ where K is a discrete space with $\text{card}(K) = \text{dens}(\mathbb{K})$.*

Proof. First, assume that \mathbb{K} is locally compact. Then the set $I = \{\alpha \in \mathbb{K} : |\alpha| < 1\}$ is compact. Let $\beta \in \mathbb{K}$ with $|\beta| = \max\{|\alpha| : \alpha \in I\}$. Put $U_n = \{\alpha \in \mathbb{K} : |\alpha| \leq |\beta|^{n-1}\}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$. For any $n \in \mathbb{N}$ the map

$$\Phi_n : (U_n/U_{n+1}) \rightarrow (U_1/U_2), \quad \alpha + U_{n+1} \mapsto \beta^{1-n}\alpha + U_2$$

is a homeomorphism. By Lemma 1 we have $\mathbb{K} \sim (\mathbb{K}/U_1) \times (U_1/U_2)^{\mathbb{N}}$. Since $I = U_2$, (U_1/U_2) is the residue class field k of \mathbb{K} . Clearly, k is finite. Moreover, $(\mathbb{K}/U_1) \subset \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (\beta^{-n}U_1/U_1)$ and $\text{card}(\beta^{-n}U_1/U_1) < \aleph_0$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, so $(\mathbb{K}/U_1) \sim \mathbb{N}$. Thus $\mathbb{K} \sim \mathbb{N} \times k^{\mathbb{N}}$.

Next, assume that \mathbb{K} is not locally compact. As in the proof of Theorem 3, we show that \mathbb{K} is homeomorphic to $K^{\mathbb{N}}$, where K is a discrete space with $\text{card}(K) = \text{dens}(\mathbb{K})$.

It follows that any finite-dimensional Fréchet space E with $E \neq \{0\}$ is homeomorphic to \mathbb{K} , since E is linearly homeomorphic to $\mathbb{K}^{\dim E}$. \square

By Corollary 5 and Proposition 6 we get

Corollary 7. *If \mathbb{K} is not locally compact then any Fréchet space of countable type is homeomorphic to \mathbb{K} .*

For any $n \in \mathbb{N}$ the space $\{0, 1, \dots, n\}^{\mathbb{N}}$ is homeomorphic to $\{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$ (see [1]). Thus we obtain the following (see [4], Theorem 3.8 (i)).

Corollary 8. *If \mathbb{K} is locally compact then it is homeomorphic to $\mathbb{N} \times C$, where C is the Cantor set.*

Finally we show

Proposition 9. Let E be a Fréchet space with $E \neq \{0\}$. Then we have

- (a) Any non-compact absolutely convex open subset U in E is homeomorphic to E .
- (b) $\text{dens}(E) = \text{dens}(\mathbb{K})t(E)$.
- (c) If E is infinite-dimensional then $\dim(E) = \text{card}(E) = (\text{dens}(E))^{\aleph_0}$ and E is homeomorphic to the Banach space $c_0(D)$ where D is a discrete space with $\text{card}(D) = \text{dens}(E)$.

Proof. (a) If $\dim E \geq \aleph_0$ or \mathbb{K} is not locally compact, then as in the proof of Theorem 3 we show that $U \sim D^{\mathbb{N}}$ where D is a discrete space with $\text{card}(D) = \text{dens}(E)$. Hence $U \sim E$.

If $\dim(E) < \aleph_0$ and \mathbb{K} is locally compact, then $U \sim \mathbb{N} \times k^{\mathbb{N}}$. Indeed, without loss of generality we can assume that $E = \mathbb{K}^m$ where $m = \dim(E)$. Put $U_n = \{(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m) \in E : \max_{1 \leq i \leq m} |\alpha_i| \leq |\beta|^{n-1}\}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, where β is defined in the proof of Proposition 6. For any $n \in \mathbb{N}$ the map

$$\Phi_n: (U_n/U_{n+1}) \rightarrow (U_1/U_2), \quad (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m) + U_{n+1} \mapsto \beta^{1-n}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m) + U_2$$

is a homeomorphism. For some $t \in \mathbb{N}$ we have $U_t \subset U$. As in the proof of Lemma 1 we get $U \sim (U/U_t) \times \prod_{n=t}^{\infty} (U_n/U_{n+1}) \sim (U/U_t) \times (U_1/U_2)^{\mathbb{N}}$. It is easy to check that $(U/U_t) \sim \mathbb{N}$ and $(U_1/U_2) \sim k^m$. Thus $U \sim \mathbb{N} \times k^{\mathbb{N}}$. Hence $U \sim E$.

(b) Let K be a dense subset of \mathbb{K} with $\text{card}(K) = \text{dens}(\mathbb{K})$ and let X be a linearly dense subset of E with $\text{card}(X) = t(E)$.

Since the set $A = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i : n \in \mathbb{N}, \alpha_i \in K, x_i \in X \right\}$ is dense in E , we see that

$$\text{dens}(\mathbb{K})t(E) = \max\{\text{dens}(\mathbb{K}), t(E)\} \leq \text{dens}(E) \leq \text{card}(A) = \text{dens}(\mathbb{K})t(E).$$

(c) Since $\text{card}(\mathbb{K}) \leq \dim(E)$ ([2], Proposition 2.2), it follows that

$$\dim(E) = \text{card}(\mathbb{K}) \dim(E) = \text{card}(E).$$

By Theorem 3, $\text{card}(E) = (\text{dens}(E))^{\aleph_0}$.

It is known that $t(c_0(D)) = \text{card}(D)$ ([4], Corollary 3.3). Using (b) we get $\text{dens}(c_0(D)) = \text{dens}(E)$. By Corollary 4, $c_0(D) \sim E$. □

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