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Abstract: The paper gives a summary of topological (vector-topological) properties of neighbourhoods of zero (nz) of a real, separated topological vector space (tvs). Among other things there is shown that every nz in the space $L_0[0,1]$ of (classes) of real-valued measurable functions (with the topology of the convergence in measure) contains a nz W such that each two points in $L_0[0,1] \setminus W$ can be joined by a five-gon in $L_0[0,1] \setminus W$. This is a partial answer to a question proposed by V. Klee [5].

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1. Introduction. This paper gives a summary of topological resp. vector-topological properties of neighbourhoods of zero (nz) of a (real, separated) topological vector space (tvs) which are important in connection with non-linear operational equations (see [12]). These properties concern homeomorphisms, retraction properties, boundedness and compactness, product- and trace-properties and the connectedness of the complementary set of a neighbourhood of zero - with a new result about the space $S[0,1]$ ($= L_0[0,1]$) of all real (Lebesgue-) measurable functions on $[0,1]$ with

the topology corresponding to the convergence in measure. No assumption is made about the convexity of the neighbourhoods considered. If (E, τ) is a tvs and $U \subseteq E$ a nz of E , then $p_U(\cdot)$ denotes the Minkowski-functional of U , defined by $p_U(x) = \inf\{t > 0 \mid t^{-1}x \in U\}$ ($x \in E$). Some of the results have been announced in [13].

2. Basic definitions. If (E, τ) is a tvs and $U \subseteq E$ is a nz then U is called radially bounded, if each line through zero (denoted by 0) intersects U in a relatively compact set. If there is at least one radially bounded nz, then (E, τ) is called a locally radially bounded space (this notion was introduced by M. Landsberg [8]). U is called shrinkable, if $x \in \bar{U}$ and $0 \leq t < 1$ implies that the element tx belongs to $\text{int } U$ (interior of U). This notion was introduced by R.T. Ives (see [2]) and especially investigated by V. Klee [3]. Every tvs possesses a basis of shrinkable nz's (V. Klee [3]). The map

$$r_U: E \rightarrow E, r_U(x) = \begin{cases} (p_U(x))^{-1}x & (x \in E \setminus U) \\ x & (x \in U) \end{cases}$$

is called the radial retraction with respect to U , and we call the map $\sigma_U: E \rightarrow E$, defined by the equation $\sigma_U(x) = (1 + p_U(x))^{-1}x$ ($x \in E$) the bounding transformation for U . If V is another nz of E , then we call the map $\varphi_{U,V}: E \rightarrow E$,

$$\varphi_{U,V}(x) = \begin{cases} p_U(x)(p_V(x))^{-1}x & (p_V(x) \neq 0) \\ 0 & (p_V(x) = 0) \end{cases}$$

the associated radial map of U and V .

3. Homeomorphisms; retractions

Theorem 1. (V. Klee [3].) If (E, τ) is a tvs and U is an open, shrinkable nz, then σ_U is a homeomorphism from E onto U .

Theorem 2. (V. Klee [3].) If (E, τ) is a tvs and U is a closed, shrinkable nz, then r_U is a retraction from E onto U .

Theorem 3. Let (E, τ) be a locally radially bounded tvs and U and V two closed, shrinkable radially bounded nz. If there are real numbers $\alpha > 0$, $\beta > 0$ with $U \subseteq \alpha V$ and $V \subseteq \beta U$ (U and V absorb each other), then $\varphi_{U,V}|U$ is a homeomorphism from U onto V .

Proof. Let U, V and $\alpha > 0, \beta > 0$ as in the assumption be given. The inclusions $U \subseteq \alpha V$ and $V \subseteq \beta U$ imply the inequalities $p_V(x) \leq \alpha p_U(x)$ and $p_U(x) \leq \beta p_V(x)$ for all $x \in E$ respectively. From the shrinkability of U and V follows the continuity of $p_U(\cdot)$ and $p_V(\cdot)$ (see [3]). The radial boundedness of U and of V implies that $p_U(x) \neq 0, p_V(x) \neq 0$ for $x \neq 0$. We denote the map $\varphi_{U,V}|U$ by φ . Then, by elementary calculations, φ is injective and $\varphi(U) = V$; the inverse mapping is given by $\varphi^{-1}(z) = \varphi_{V,U}(z)$ ($z \in V \setminus \{0\}$) and $\varphi^{-1}(0) = 0$. From the above mentioned properties of $p_U(\cdot), p_V(\cdot)$ follows easily the continuity of φ for $x \in U \setminus \{0\}$. To show the continuity of φ in the point $x = 0$, let an arbitrary nz W be given. Without loss of generality, W is closed and shrinkable. Then, for $x \in \frac{1}{\beta} W$ we have for $x \neq 0$

$$p_W(\varphi(x)) = p_U(x)(p_V(x))^{-1} p_W(x) \leq \beta p_W(x) = p_W(\beta x) \leq 1$$

i.e. $\varphi(x) \in W$. The continuity of φ^{-1} follows analogously.

A counterexample, if the inclusion $V \subseteq \beta U$ does not hold for any $\beta > 0$ is given by the space $E = C[0,1]$ of all real-valued continuous functions on the closed interval $[0,1]$ with the usual sup-norm topology, defined by $\|x\| = \sup_{0 \leq t \leq 1} |x(t)|$, if we choose the nz's

$$U = \{x \in E \mid \|x\| \leq 1\} \text{ and } V = \{x \in E \mid \int_0^1 (x(t))^2 dt \leq 1\}.$$

Then, the radial map $\varphi_{U,V}|U$ is no homeomorphism, because its inverse mapping is discontinuous at $x = 0$ (consider a sequence $x_n \in E$ with

$$p_U(x_n) = \|x_n\| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \text{ and } p_V(x_n) = \left[\int_0^1 (x_n(t))^2 dt \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{n};$$

$n = 1, 2, \dots$). Let us additionally mention that U and V are in fact homeomorphic (but not under the radial map), because they are closed convex bodies in an infinite dimensional Banach space (see [6]).

4. Boundedness and compactness

Theorem 4. Let (E, τ) be a locally radially bounded tvs and U a closed, radially bounded nz. If the boundary ∂U is bounded (in the vector topological sense), then U is also bounded.

Proof. From the radially boundedness of U we get the inclusion $U \subseteq [0,1] \partial U$. If ∂U is bounded, then $[0,1] \partial U$ is also bounded. It follows that U is bounded.

Theorem 5. Let (E, τ) be a finite-dimensional tvs. Then any closed, radially bounded and starshaped nz is compact.

For a proof see [10].

Theorem 6. Let (E, τ) be an infinite-dimensional tvs and $U \neq \emptyset$ a closed nz. Then ∂U is not compact.

Proof. For any nonempty set $A \subseteq E$ we define

$$K(A) = \{y \in E \mid y = tx; x \in A, t \geq 0\} = [0, \infty)A$$

and denote $K(\{x\})$ simply by $K(x)$. Now we assume that ∂U is compact. Then the set $K(x) \cap \partial U$ is compact for all $x \neq 0$ from E . From a theorem about the properties of $K(\cdot)$ it follows that $K(\partial U)$ is locally compact (see [11], Satz 4). Therefore is $K(\partial U) \neq E$ and there is an $x_0 \neq 0$ from E with $K(x_0) \cap K(\partial U) = \{0\}$ (otherwise we would have $K(x) \subseteq K(\partial U)$ for every $x \neq 0$, this would imply $K(\partial U) = E$ which is excluded). There is a $\sigma' > 0$ with $tx_0 \in U$ for $0 \leq t \leq \sigma'$. Therefore is $K(x_0) \subseteq \text{int } U$, otherwise we would have $K(x_0) \cap K(\partial U) \neq \{0\}$. For every $y \in \partial U$ we set $t(y) = \sup \{t > 0 \mid ty \in \partial U\}$. From the compactness of $K(y) \cap \partial U$ we have $t(y) < +\infty$ ($y \in \partial U$). In addition we have the relations $t(y)y \in \partial U$ and $ty \notin U$ ($t > t(y)$). U is closed and therefore the relation $\partial U \subseteq K(-x_0)$ does not hold. It follows the existence of an $y_0 \in \partial U$ with $y_0 \in \partial U$ and $y_0 \notin K(-x_0)$. We denote the linear subspace of E spanned by x_0 and y_0 by E_0 and define $U_0 = U \cap E_0$. It is easy to show that the relations $K(x_0) \subseteq \text{int}_0 U_0$; $\partial_0 U_0 \subseteq \partial U$; $t(y_0)y_0 \in \partial_0 U_0$ hold, here is $\text{int}_0 U_0$ resp. $\partial_0 U_0$ the interior and the boundary of U_0 with respect to the space E_0 . Since $\dim E_0 = 2$, there is a compact nz of E_0 with $\partial_0 U_0 \subseteq W_0$, for which $E_0 \setminus W_0$ is connected. From $t > t(y_0)$ follows the relation $ty_0 \notin U_0$ and we have $K(x_0) \subseteq \text{int}_0 U_0$. Therefore follow the relations

$$(E_0 \setminus W_0) \cap (E_0 \setminus U_0) \neq \emptyset \quad \text{and} \quad (E_0 \setminus W_0) \cap \text{int}_0 U_0 \neq \emptyset,$$

and in addition follows from $\partial_0 U_0 \subseteq W_0$ the equality

$$((E_0 \setminus W_0) \cap \text{int}_0 U_0) \cup ((E_0 \setminus W_0) \cap (E_0 \setminus U_0)) = E_0 \setminus W_0,$$

which contradicts to the connectedness of $E_0 \setminus W_0$.

5. Products and traces

Theorem 7. Let (E_1, τ_1) and (E_2, τ_2) be two tvs; U_1 resp. U_2 shrinkable nz in E_1 resp. E_2 . Then $U_1 \times U_2$ is a shrinkable nz of $E_1 \times E_2$.

Theorem 8. Let (E, τ) be a tvs and E_0 a closed linear subspace of E ; U a closed shrinkable nz. Then $U_0 = U \cap E_0$ is a closed shrinkable nz of E_0 (with the induced topology) and we have

$$\partial_0 U_0 = \partial U \cap E_0 \quad \text{and} \quad P_{U_0} = P_U|_{E_0}$$

(∂_0 : boundary in E_0).

The (simple) proofs of th. 7 and th. 8 are omitted.

6. Connectedness properties

We consider a question, proposed by V. Klee in [5], about the connectedness properties of the complement of nz's in general tvs.

From the results of Klee follows the Proposition 1. (see [5]).

Proposition 1. (see [5], Theorem A). Let (E, τ) be a tvs with $\dim E \geq 2$. Then every neighbourhood U of zero contains a nz W such that $E \setminus W$ is connected. Indeed, W can be chosen so that each pair of points of $E \setminus W$ is joined by an 8-gon in $E \setminus W$. (Here by an n-gon is meant an arc composed

of n or fewer line segments.)

Klee directs the attention to the fact that if (E, τ) is locally convex, the 8-gons of Proposition 1 are replaced by 2-gons if W is closed and 3-gons if W is open. When E is locally bounded, W may be chosen so as to be bounded and starshaped, whence the 8-gons are replaced by 3-gons if W is closed and 4-gons if W is open. And (one of his questions) he asks: "Can the number 8 in Theorem A (\implies Proposition 1) be reduced for general topological linear spaces?" (see [5]).

In this direction we prove the following theorem about the space $S(0,1)$ that is neither locally convex nor radially bounded.

Theorem 9. Let (E, τ) be the tvs of all real-valued (Lebesgue-) measurable functions (more exactly: classes of functions) on the closed unit interval $[0,1]$ with the topology corresponding to the convergence in measure, i.e. $E = S[0,1]$ ($= L_0[0,1]$). Every nz of $S[0,1]$ contains a nz W such that each pair of points of $S[0,1] \setminus W$ is joined by a 5-gon in $E \setminus W$.

Proof. The topology in $S[0,1]$ is given by the metric

$$d(f,g) = \int_0^1 \frac{|f(t) - g(t)|}{1 + |f(t) - g(t)|} dt \quad (f, g \in S[0,1]) = \int_0^1 \varphi(|f(t) - g(t)|) dt$$

with the function $\varphi: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$ given by $\varphi(t) = \frac{t}{1+t}$

($0 \leq t < +\infty$). The function φ is strictly monotone increasing and concave and $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(t) = 1$. Let U be an arbitrary nz of $S[0,1]$. Then U contains all balls $W(\mathcal{U}) =$

$= \{f \in S[0,1] \mid d(f,0) < \sigma\}$ for $0 < \sigma \leq \sigma_0$. We consider at first the following case

I) Let $f, g \in S[0,1] \setminus W(\sigma)$ ($0 < \sigma \leq \sigma_0$) be so that

$$f(t)g(t) \geq 0 \quad (\text{a.e. in } [0,1]).$$

Then also the line segment

$[f, g] = \{h \in S[0,1] \mid h = \lambda f + (1 - \lambda)g, 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1\}$ is contained in the complement $S[0,1] \setminus W(\sigma)$. Indeed we have under these assumptions the equality

$$\begin{aligned} d(\lambda f + (1 - \lambda)g, 0) &= \int_0^1 \varphi(|\lambda f(t) + (1 - \lambda)g(t)|) dt = \\ &= \int_0^1 \varphi(\lambda |f(t)| + (1 - \lambda)|g(t)|) dt \quad (0 \leq \lambda \leq 1) \end{aligned}$$

and by the concavity of $\varphi(\cdot)$ the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 \varphi(\lambda |f(t)| + (1 - \lambda)|g(t)|) dt &\geq \lambda \int_0^1 \varphi(|f(t)|) dt + \\ &+ (1 - \lambda) \int_0^1 \varphi(|g(t)|) dt = \lambda d(f, 0) + (1 - \lambda)d(g, 0) \\ &(0 \leq \lambda \leq 1). \end{aligned}$$

Since $d(f, 0) \geq \sigma$; $d(g, 0) \geq \sigma$ it follows that

$d(\lambda f + (1 - \lambda)g, 0) \geq \sigma$ ($0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$) which proves our assertion.

II) Now choose σ with $0 < \sigma < \min(\frac{1}{4}, \sigma_0)$ and let two arbitrary chosen elements f and g of $(S[0,1]) \setminus W(\sigma)$ be given.

We define the functions (elements of $S[0,1]$) \hat{f} and \hat{g} by the equations

$$\hat{f}(t) = \begin{cases} f(t) & t \text{ with } f(t) \neq 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } f(t) = 0 \end{cases} \quad (0 \leq t \leq 1)$$

(\hat{g} is defined analogously).

We have the relation $\hat{f}(t) \cdot f(t) \geq 0$ ($t \in [0,1]$) (resp.

$\hat{g}(t)g(t) \geq 0$ for all $t \in [0,1]$). In addition $\hat{f} \in (S[0,1]) \setminus W(\sigma)$, because, with $A = \{t \in [0,1] \mid f(t) \neq 0\}$,

$$d(\hat{f}, o) = \int_0^1 \varphi(|\hat{f}(t)|) dt \geq \int_A \varphi(|f(t)|) dt = d(f, o) \geq \sigma.$$

Also $\hat{g} \in (S[0,1]) \setminus W(\sigma)$.

Now we define the functions (elements of $S[0,1]$) \hat{f} and \hat{g} by the equations

$$\hat{f}(t) = \begin{cases} \hat{f}(t) & (0 \leq t \leq \frac{1}{2}) \\ 0 & (\frac{1}{2} < t \leq 1) \end{cases}$$

and

$$\hat{g}(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & (0 \leq t \leq \frac{1}{2}) \\ \hat{g}(t) & (\frac{1}{2} < t \leq 1). \end{cases}$$

We consider the sequences $(n\hat{f})$ and $(n\hat{g})$ ($n = 1, 2, \dots$). For all $n = 1, 2, \dots$ we have the relations $n\hat{f}(t)\hat{f}(t) \geq 0$ and $n\hat{g}(t)\hat{g}(t) \geq 0$ ($t \in [0,1]$) and for all $n = 1, 2, \dots$ and all $m = 1, 2, \dots$ the relation $(n\hat{f}(t))(m\hat{g}(t)) \geq 0$ ($t \in [0,1]$). The sequences of functions $(\varphi(n|\hat{f}(t)|))$ resp. $(\varphi(m|\hat{g}(t)|))$ ($n, m = 1, 2, \dots$) converge monotonely increasing to 1 on $[0, \frac{1}{2}]$ and 0 on $(\frac{1}{2}, 1]$ resp. 0 on $[0, \frac{1}{2}]$ and 1 on $(\frac{1}{2}, 1]$ because $|\hat{f}(t)| > 0$ ($0 \leq t \leq \frac{1}{2}$) resp. $|\hat{g}(t)| > 0$ ($\frac{1}{2} < t \leq 1$).

From the Levi's theorem it follows that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(n\hat{f}, o) = \frac{1}{2} \text{ and } \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} d(m\hat{g}, o) = \frac{1}{2}.$$

Therefore, we have (see the choice of σ)

$$d(n_0\hat{f}, o) \geq \sigma \text{ and } d(m_0\hat{g}, o) \geq \sigma$$

for sufficiently great n_0, m_0 .

From these results and the considerations under case I) it follows that the following pairs of elements of $(S[0,1]) \setminus W(\sigma)$ are joinable in this set $(S[0,1]) \setminus W(\sigma)$ by

the joining line segment. The union of these line segments gives the desired 5-gon:

$$[f, \hat{f}] \cup [\hat{f}, n_0 \hat{\hat{f}}] \cup [n_0 \hat{\hat{f}}, m_0 \tilde{\tilde{g}}] \cup [m_0 \tilde{\tilde{g}}, \hat{g}] \cup [\hat{g}, g]$$

which joins f and g in the complement of $W(\mathcal{O})$.

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