

# ON BOUNDING SUBSETS OF LOCALLY CONVEX SPACES

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## Abstract

In the present paper, we shall describe an example of a non-separable and non-reflexive Banach space whose bounding subsets are compact subsets. Moreover, We shall prove that, if  $C_E$  and  $C_F$  are respectively bounding subsets of metrizable locally convex spaces  $E$  and  $F$ , then the subset  $C_E \times C_F$  of Cartesian product  $E \times F$  is also a bounding subset of  $E \times F$ .

## Introduction

Let  $E$  be a locally convex topological vector space over the field  $\mathbb{C}$  of complex numbers. If  $E$  is finite dimensional, every bounding subset of  $E$  is compact. Moreover, S. Dineen [3] showed that the bounding subsets of a separable or reflexive Banach space are the compact subsets. On the other hand, S. Dineen [4] proved that there is a non-compact bounding subset of  $l^\infty$ .

## Bounding subsets of locally convex spaces

Let  $E$  be a complex locally convex space, and  $U$  be an open set in  $E$ . When  $F$  is a complex locally convex space,  $H(U; F)$  denotes the set of all holomorphic mappings on  $U$  into  $F$ . If  $F = \mathbb{C}$ ,  $H(U; \mathbb{C})$  is briefly denoted by  $H(U)$ .

DEFINITION 1. A closed subset  $C$  of  $U$  is said to be a bounding subset of  $U$  if

$$\|f\|_C = \sup_{x \in C} |f(x)| < +\infty$$

for each  $f \in H(U)$ .

PROPOSITION 2. Let  $F$  be a locally convex space. A closed subset  $C$  of  $U$  is a bounding subset of  $U$  if and only if  $f(C)$  is a bounded subset of  $F$  for each  $f \in H(U; F)$ .

PROOF. First, we suppose that a closed subset  $C$  of  $U$  is bounding. Now we assume that there is a holomorphic mapping  $f \in H(U; F)$  such that  $f(C)$  is unbounded in  $F$ . Then there is a sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  in  $C$  such that  $\{f(x_n)\}_{n=1}^\infty$  is unbounded. Hence, we have a continuous linear mapping  $\varphi$  on  $F$  such that

$$\sup_n |\varphi(f(x_n))| = \infty.$$

Since  $\varphi \circ f \in H(U)$ , this contradicts the hypothesis that  $C$  is a bounding subset of  $U$ .

Conversely, we suppose that  $f(C)$  is a bounded subset of  $F$  for each  $f \in H(U; F)$ . we assume that  $C$  is not a bounding subset of  $U$ . Then there is a holomorphic function  $f \in H(U)$  such that

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$\|f\|_{C=\infty}$ . Let  $p$  be a continuous seminorm on  $F$ . we define a holomorphic mapping  $h \in H(U; F)$  by  $h(x) = f(x) \cdot a$  for  $x \in U$ , where  $a$  is a point of  $E$  such that  $p(a) \neq 0$ . Then we have

$$\sup_{x \in C} p \circ h(x) = \|f\|_{C=\infty} \cdot p(a) = \infty.$$

This contradicts the fact that  $h(C)$  is bounded in  $F$ . This completes the proof.

S. Dineen [3] showed that every bounding subset of a separable or reflexive Banach space is a compact subset. However, we have a non-separable and non-reflexive Banach space whose bounding subsets are compact subsets. Now we shall describe it.

Let  $I$  be an uncountable index set.  $l^\infty(I)$  denotes the set of all complex valued bounded functions on  $I$ . We endow  $l^\infty(I)$  with the supremum norm  $\|\cdot\|$ . Then,  $l^\infty(I)$  is a Banach space. Let  $x \in l^\infty(I)$ . When  $x_i$  denotes  $x(i)$  for  $i \in I$ , we can represent  $x$  by  $(x_i)_{i \in I}$ . Let  $C_0(I)$  be the closure of the subspace

$$\{(x_i)_{i \in I} \in l^\infty(I) ; \text{there exists a finite subset } J \text{ of } I \text{ such that } x_i = 0 \text{ for every } i \in I - J\}$$

Then  $C_0(I)$  is a closed subspace of  $l^\infty(I)$ . Hence,  $C_0(I)$  is a Banach space, equipped with the norm  $\|\cdot\|$  induced from  $l^\infty(I)$ .

LEMMA 3. Let  $N$  be the set of natural numbers. Let  $C_0(N)$  be the linear space

$$\{(x_n)_{n=1}^\infty ; x_n \in \mathbb{C}, n = 1, 2, \dots, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 0\}$$

with the supremum norm  $\|\cdot\|$ . Let  $\varepsilon_n$  be a nonnegative number for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  such that  $\varepsilon_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then the subset

$$V = \{(x_n)_{n=1}^\infty \in C_0(N) ; |x_n| \leq \varepsilon_n \text{ for } n = 1, 2, \dots\}$$

is compact.

PROOF. Let  $(x_n^k)_{n=1}^\infty = x^k \in V$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ . Since the sequence  $\{x_1^k\}_{k=1}^\infty$  is bounded in  $\mathbb{C}$ , we can select a convergent subsequence  $\{x_1^{1k}\}_{k=1}^\infty$  of the sequence  $\{x_1^k\}_{k=1}^\infty$ . Next, we can select a convergent subsequence  $\{x_2^{2k}\}_{k=1}^\infty$  of the sequence  $\{x_2^{1k}\}_{k=1}^\infty$ . Similarly, we can inductively select a convergent subsequence  $\{x_{m+1}^{(m+1)k}\}_{k=1}^\infty$  of the sequence  $\{x_{m+1}^{mk}\}_{k=1}^\infty$  for  $m = 1, 2, \dots$ . Thus we can take a subsequence  $\{x^{mk}\}_{k=1}^\infty$  ( $m = 1, 2, \dots$ ) of the sequence  $\{x^k\}_{k=1}^\infty$ , with the following properties

- (i) the sequence  $\{x_m^{mk}\}_{k=1}^\infty$  converges, for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ,
- (ii) the sequence  $\{x^{mk}\}_{k=1}^\infty$  is a subsequence of the sequence  $\{x^{(m-1)k}\}_{k=1}^\infty$ .

Then we get the subsequence  $\{x^{kk}\}_{k=1}^\infty$  of the sequence  $\{x^k\}_{k=1}^\infty$ .

By our choice of the sequence  $\{x^{kk}\}_{k=1}^\infty$ , the sequence  $\{x_n^{kk}\}_{k=1}^\infty$  converges, for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . Let a point  $x_n^0 \in \mathbb{C}$  be a limit point of the sequence  $\{x_n^{kk}\}_{k=1}^\infty$ , for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . Let  $x^0 = (x_n^0)_{n=1}^\infty$ .

We shall verify that the sequence  $\{x^{kk}\}_{k=1}^\infty$  converges to the point  $x^0$ . For every integer  $n$  and every real number  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is an integer  $k_0$  such that

$$|x_n^{kk} - x_n^0| < \varepsilon$$

for every  $k \geq k_0$ . Therefore we have

$$|x_n^0| \leq \varepsilon + |x_n^{kk}| \leq \varepsilon + \varepsilon_n.$$

Since  $\varepsilon$  is arbitrary, it follows that  $|x_n^0| \leq \varepsilon_n$  for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ .

Thus  $x^0$  belongs to the set  $V$ . Next, for every positive number  $\delta$ , there is an integer  $n_0$  such that  $\varepsilon_n < \frac{\delta}{2}$  for every  $n \geq n_0$ , since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varepsilon_n = 0$ . Since  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_n^{kk} = x_n^0$  for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , there is an integer  $k_1$  such that

$$|x_n^{kk} - x_n^0| < \frac{\delta}{2}$$

for  $k \geq k_1, n = 1, 2, \dots, n_0$ . Since  $x^{kk}$  and  $x^0$  are in  $V$ , for  $n \geq n_0$ , we have

$$|x_n^{kk} - x_n^0| \leq |x_n^{kk}| + |x_n^0| \leq \varepsilon_n + \varepsilon_n < \delta$$

for  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ . Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x^{kk} - x^0\| &= \sup_n |x_n^{kk} - x_n^0| \\ &\leq \max \left( \sup_{1 \leq n \leq n_0} |x_n^{kk} - x_n^0|, \sup_{n \geq n_0} |x_n^{kk} - x_n^0| \right) \\ &\leq \max \left( \frac{\delta}{2}, \delta \right) = \delta \end{aligned}$$

for every  $k \geq k_1$ . Thus the sequence  $\{x^{kk}\}_{k=1}^\infty$  converges to  $x^0$ .

This implies that  $V$  is compact.

**LEMMA 4.** Let  $(\varepsilon_i)_{i \in I} \in C_0(I)$  with  $\varepsilon_i \geq 0$  for  $i \in I$ . Let  $W = \{ (x_i)_{i \in I} \in C_0(I) ; |x_i| \leq \varepsilon_i \text{ for } i \in I \}$ . Then  $W$  is a compact subset of  $C_0(I)$ .

**PROOF.** Let  $J = \{ i \in I ; \varepsilon_i \neq 0 \}$ . Then  $J$  is a countable subset of  $I$ . Hence, we may assume that  $W$  is contained in the closed subspace  $C_0(J)$  of  $C_0(I)$ . By Lemma 3,  $W$  is a compact subset of  $C_0(J)$ . Consequently,  $W$  is compact subset of  $C_0(I)$ .

**THEOREM 5.** If  $B$  is a bounding subset of  $C_0(I)$ , then  $B$  is compact.

**PROOF.** For  $j \in I$ , a real number  $\varepsilon_j \geq 0$  is defined by

$$\sup \{ |x_j| ; (x_i)_{i \in I} \in B \}.$$

Suppose that there are a real number  $\delta > 0$  and a countable infinite subset  $J$  of  $I$  such that  $\varepsilon_i \geq 2\delta$  for  $j \in J$ . Then, there is a point  $x^j = (x^j_i)_{i \in I} \in B$  for  $j \in J$  such that  $|x^j_j| \geq \delta$ . Let  $A = \{ x^j ; j \in J \}$ , and  $J_1 = \{ j \in I ; \text{there exists a point } (x_i)_{i \in I} \text{ of } A \text{ such that } x_j \neq 0 \}$ . Then  $J_1$  is a countable set. If the set  $A$  is an infinite set,  $A$  is not a relatively compact subset of  $C_0(J_1)$ . By S. Dineen [3], the closure  $\bar{A}$  of  $A$  in  $C_0(J_1)$  is not a bounding subset of  $C_0(J_1)$ . The closed subspaces  $C_0(J_1), C_0(I - J_1)$  of  $C_0(I)$  are topological supplements. Since  $B$  is bounding in  $C_0(I)$ ,  $B \cap C_0(J_1)$  is a bounding subset of  $C_0(J_1)$ . By S. Dineen [3],  $B \cap C_0(J_1)$  is a compact subset of  $C_0(J_1)$ . Since  $\bar{A}$  is contained in  $B \cap C_0(J_1)$ , this contradicts the fact that  $\bar{A}$  is non-compact. Thus  $A$  is a finite set. Then there are a countable infinite subset  $J'$  of  $J$  and a point  $x = (x_i)_{i \in I} \in A$  such that  $|x_j| \geq \delta$  for  $j \in J'$ . Then we have  $x \notin C_0(I)$ . This contradicts  $x \in C_0(I)$ . Thus  $J = \{ i \in I ; \varepsilon_i > 0 \}$  is a countable subset of  $I$ , besides  $(\varepsilon_i)_{i \in I}$  belongs to  $C_0(I)$ . Hence, by Lemma 4 the subset  $\{ (x_i)_{i \in I} \in C_0(I) ; |x_i| \leq \varepsilon_i \text{ for } i \in I \}$  is compact. Since  $B$  is contained in this subset,  $B$  is compact.

Thus we gain an example of a non-separable and non-reflexive Banach space whose bounding subsets are compact subsets.

**PROPOSITION 6.** Let  $E$  be a Banach space whose bounding subsets are nowhere dense. Then there exists a bounded sequence of  $E$  such that the sequence is not a bounding subset of  $E$ .

**PROOF.** A symbol  $\| \cdot \|$  denotes a norm of  $E$ . By assumption, the subset  $V = \{ x \in E ; \|x\| \leq 1 \}$  is not

bounding. Hence there are a holomorphic function  $f \in H(E)$  and a sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  of  $V$  such that the sequence  $\{f(x_n)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is unbounded in  $C$ . We can select the sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  without an accumulation point. Then the sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  satisfies this proposition.

Finally, we shall discuss a bounding subset of Cartesian products of metrizable locally convex spaces.

**THEOREM 7.** *Let  $E$  and  $F$  be metrizable locally convex spaces. If  $C_E$  is a bounding subset of  $E$ , and  $C_F$  is a bounding subset of  $F$ , then  $C_E \times C_F$  is also a bounding subset of a Cartesian product  $E \times F$ .*

**PROOF.** The compact-open topology on the vector space of all continuous functions on  $F$  induces a topology  $\tau$  on  $H(F)$ . The bornological topology on  $H(F)$  associated with  $\tau$  is denoted by  $\tau_b$ . Let  $f \in H(E \times F)$ . We define a mapping  $u : E \rightarrow H(F)$  by  $u(a)(y) = f(a, y)$  for  $a \in E$ ,  $y \in F$ . By G. Coeuré [1], since  $E$  is metrizable, we can verify that the mapping  $u : E \rightarrow (H(F), \tau)$  is holomorphic. Moreover, since  $F$  is metrizable, by [1],  $u$  is a holomorphic mapping from into  $(H(F), \tau_b)$ . Hence the image  $u(C_E)$  is a bounded subset of  $(H(F), \tau_b)$  by Proposition 2. We define a seminorm on  $H(F)$  by

$$p(g) = \|g\|_{C_F} = \sup_{y \in C_F} |g(y)|$$

for  $g \in H(F)$ . Since  $F$  is metrizable, by S. Dineen [2],  $(H(F), \tau_b)$  is a barrelled space. For a fixed point  $y$  in  $F$ , the linear function  $g \rightarrow g(y)$  of  $H(F)$  is continuous with respect to the topology  $\tau_b$ .

Hence, the subset

$$V(y) = \{g \in H(F) ; |g(y)| \leq 1\}$$

of  $H(F)$  is a barrel in  $(H(F), \tau_b)$ . The set

$$B_p = \{g \in H(F) ; p(g) \leq 1\}$$

is absorbing. Thus, since

$$B_p = \bigcap_{y \in C_F} V(y),$$

$B_p$  is a barrel in  $(H(F), \tau_b)$ . Since  $(H(F), \tau_b)$  is barrelled,  $B_p$  is a neighborhood of  $0 \in H(F)$ . Hence  $p$  is continuous on  $(H(F), \tau_b)$ . Hence there is an  $M > 0$  such that

$$\sup_{x \in C_E} p(u(x)) \leq M.$$

Since

$$\sup_{x \in C_E} p(u(x)) = \sup_{x \in C_E} \sup_{y \in C_F} |f(x, y)|,$$

we have

$$|f(x, y)| \leq M$$

for all  $(x, y) \in C_E \times C_F$ . Consequently,  $C_E \times C_F$  is a bounding subset of  $E \times F$ .

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