

On a Question by Laurent Schwartz

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ABSTRACT

We prove that each function f in $C(F, T)$ where, T is a closed interval in an infinite Banach space with an unconditional Schauder basis and F is a closed subspace of a Hausdorff topological space having a normal neighborhood has a continuous extension on E to T . This way we obtain one answer to a question by Laurent Schwartz, his book in general topology and functional analysis that we quote in the references.

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INTRODUCTION

Following [3] Corollaire 2 to Théorème (T.2, XXII, 2;2) (pp. 347, 350) we have the extension property (Rfin) Consider the extended real line $[-\infty, +\infty]$ equipped with the usual topology generated by the open intervals of \mathbf{R} and the intervals $[-\infty, b)$, $(a, +\infty]$ (a, b reals) and, let T be a subspace of the form (I, U) where I is an interval and U is the induced topology by the usual topology of the real line. Or let T stand for a finite dimensional Banach space G . For $f : F \subset E \rightarrow T$ a continuous function where, F is a closed subspace of the Hausdorff topological space E having a normal, closed neighborhood, there is a continuous extension of f on E to T . Laurent Schwartz notices, Remarque 2. P. 352 in [3] that the corresponding result for T a closed ball in an infinite dimensional Banach space X (or $T = X$) possibly holds, which we

believe has remained as an open problem. We prove in Paragraph 3., Extension Result that, we may take for X a Banach space with an unconditional Schauder basis. Also, possibly a closed interval in X or a closed ball in X . In the Preliminaries, we set the background. The scalars are assumed to be real.

PRELIMINARIES

Recall ([2]) that we say the infinite dimensional Banach space $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ has an unconditional Schauder basis (a basis) (e_n) if (e_n) is a sequence of linearly independent vectors in X such that, each vector x in the space has a representation

$$x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n e_n = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^N \lambda_n e_n$$

in the sense that $\|x - (\lambda_1 e_1 + \lambda_2 e_2 + \dots + \lambda_n e_n)\| \rightarrow_{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$.

Here, the scalars λ_n are unique, depending on x and further it is required that the series $\sum_n \lambda_{\pi(n)} e_{\pi(n)} = x$ for each bijection $\pi : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$.

Remark 2. 1. We may suppose that the basis (e_n) is determined by norm 1 vectors and has basis constant equal to one that is, the inequality $\|\lambda_1 e_1 + \dots + \lambda_{n(1)} e_{n(1)}\| \leq \|\lambda_1 e_1 + \dots + \lambda_{n(2)} e_{n(2)}\|$ for each choice of reals λ_n , $1 \leq n(1) \leq n(2)$ holds. This follows from Theorem. 4.1.24, p. 358 in [2].

Also recall the Bounded Multiplier Test ([2], 4.2.8, p. 371) stating that the series $\sum_n \lambda_n e_n = x$ converges if and only if each series $\sum_n \alpha_n \lambda_n e_n$ is convergent, whatever be the bounded sequence $(\alpha_n) \in l_\infty$. We may also find in [2], after the Author showing that (Lemma 4.2.7) for $x = \sum_n \lambda_n e_n$ there is a constant M such that $\sup_n \|\alpha_n \lambda_1 e_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \lambda_n e_n\| \leq M \|(\alpha_n)_\infty\|$ where $\|(\alpha_n)_\infty\| = \sup\{|\alpha_n| : n = 1, 2, \dots\}$ the following

Lemma 2.2. Putting $\|\lambda_1 e_1 + \dots + \lambda_n e_n + \dots\|_{bmu} = \sup\{\|\alpha_1 \lambda_1 e_1 + \dots + \alpha_n \lambda_n e_n + \dots\| : \|(\alpha_n)_\infty\| \leq 1\}$ it holds that the bmu-norm $\|\lambda_1 e_1 + \dots + \lambda_n e_n + \dots\|_{bmu}$ is an equivalent norm to the original norm of X . There is a constant $C > 0$ such that $\|x\| \leq \|x\|_{bmu} \leq C \|x\|$.

Proof: This follows from Theorem. 4.2.16, p. 373. See also Definition. 4. 1.12 and Theorem. 4.1.14, p. 354.

Lemma 2.3. The bmu-norm satisfies that $\|\lambda_1 e_1 + \dots + \lambda_n e_n + \dots\|_{bmu} \leq \|\mu_1 e_1 + \dots + \mu_n e_n + \dots\|_{bmu}$ whenever $\lambda_1 e_1 + \dots + \lambda_n e_n + \dots, \mu_1 e_1 + \dots + \mu_n e_n + \dots \in X, |\lambda_1| \leq |\mu_1|, \dots, |\lambda_n| \leq |\mu_n|, \dots$

Remark 2.4. In the above Lemma 2.3. we have that the convergence of $\mu_1 e_1 + \dots + \mu_n e_n + \dots$ implies the convergence of $\lambda_1 e_1 + \dots + \lambda_n e_n + \dots$

Proof: WE find that $\|\lambda_m e_m + \dots + \lambda_{m+p}\|_{bmu} \leq \|\mu_m + \dots + \mu_{m+p}\|_{bmu} \rightarrow_{m,p \rightarrow \infty} 0$ by Lemma 2.3. and the result follows.

Recall ([2]) the associate linear functionals $\langle e_n^*, \sum_n \lambda_n e_n \rangle = \lambda_n$ which are continuous. It turns out that for $f : F \subset E \rightarrow X$ a continuous function where E is a Hausdorff topological space we have $f(u) = \sum_n \langle e_n^*, f(u) \rangle e_n = \sum_n f_n(u) e_n$, $f_n = e_n^* \circ f : F \subset E \rightarrow R$.

Extension Result

Notation 1. Following [2], we put $a \leq b$ for $a = \sum_n \alpha_n e_n, b = \sum_n \beta_n e_n$ meaning that $\alpha_n \leq \beta_n, n = 1, 2, \dots$

Notation 2. Letting $a \leq b$ as above, we put $[a, b] = \{\sum_n \lambda_n e_n : \alpha_n \leq \lambda_n \leq \beta_n, n = 1, 2, \dots\}$ and we say that $[a, b]$ is a closed interval in X .

Theorem 1. Let $T = [a, b]$ be a closed interval in the infinite dimensional Banach space X with the unconditional Schauder basis (e_n) as in the Preliminaries. For each continuous function $f : F \subset E \rightarrow T$ where F is a closed subspace of E having a normal neighborhood, there is a continuous extension $\hat{f} : E \rightarrow T$.

Proof: WE let $f(u) = \sum_k f_k(u) e_k$ ($u \in F$) where $f_k = e_k^* \circ f : F \subset E \rightarrow [\alpha_k, \beta_k]$, $f(u) = x(u) = \sum_k \lambda_k e_k, \alpha_k \leq \lambda_k \leq \beta_k, f_k(u) = \lambda_k(u) = \lambda_k$. Following (Rfin) as in the Introduction, there is a continuous extension $\hat{f}_k : E \rightarrow [\alpha_k, \beta_k]$ of f_k . We find that $\alpha_k \leq \hat{f}_k(u) \leq \beta_k$. The series $\sum_k \alpha_k e_k = a, \sum_k \beta_k e_k = b, \sum_k |\alpha_k| e_k = |a|, \sum_k |\beta_k| e_k = |b|$ converge (apply the equivalent bmu-norm), $|\lambda_k| \leq \max\{|\alpha_k|, |\beta_k|\}$. Applying Remark 2.4., we see that the series $\sum_k \hat{f}_k(u) e_k = \hat{f}(u)$ is convergent. Now we have obtained a continuous function $\hat{f} : E \rightarrow T$ that is an extension of f . In fact, it holds that $\sup\{|\hat{f}_n(u)| : u \in E\} \leq \max\{|\alpha_n|, |\beta_n|\} \rightarrow_{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$ hence letting $n \geq N$ imply that $\sup\{|\hat{f}_n(u) - \hat{f}_n(x)| \leq \varepsilon$, we may find a neighborhood V of x such that

$\sup\{|\hat{f}_n(u) - \hat{f}_n(x)| : n = 1, 2, \dots\} \leq \varepsilon$ which implies that $\|\hat{f}(u) - \hat{f}(x)\| \leq \varepsilon$ for all u in V . The proof is complete

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