

# NEARLY EXOTIC TOPOLOGIES ON NORMED SPACES

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## ABSTRACT

It is proved that for every infinite dimensional normed space  $(E, \| \cdot \|)$  there is a non-trivial linear space topology  $\tau$  on  $E$  which is weaker than the norm topology and is such that  $(E, \tau)$  admits no non-trivial continuous linear functionals. If  $E$  is a space with a generalized basis or is a  $C(X)$  space, it is proved that the topology  $\tau$  can be taken to be Hausdorff.

In this note we investigate the existence of a non-trivial linear space topology  $\tau$  on an infinite-dimensional vector space  $E$  such that (1)  $(E, \tau)$  has no non-trivial continuous linear functionals, and (2)  $\tau$  is weaker than some given norm topology on  $E$ . Following existing terminology (see [2]), we say that a linear space topology satisfying (1) is *nearly exotic*; two topologies  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  on a set are *orthogonal* if every non-empty  $\tau_1$ -open set intersects every non-empty  $\tau_2$ -open set.

In [2] Klee proved that if  $(E, \tau)$  is an infinite-dimensional locally convex space and if  $\tau$  is not a weak topology, then there is a non-trivial nearly exotic topology for  $E$  which fails to be orthogonal to  $\tau$ . In [6] we conjectured that if  $(E, \| \cdot \|)$  is an infinite-dimensional normed space, there is a non-trivial nearly exotic topology for  $E$  which is weaker than the norm topology. (Clearly such a topology will fail to be orthogonal to the norm topology.) We substantiate this conjecture and then turn to the more interesting question of the existence of a *Hausdorff* nearly exotic topology weaker than a given norm topology on an infinite-dimensional linear space. We show that every infinite-dimensional normed space with a generalized basis admits a weaker Hausdorff nearly exotic topology. We also show that every infinite-dimensional  $C(X)$  space admits a weaker Hausdorff nearly exotic topology.

Throughout,  $\text{conv } A$  will denote the convex hull of the set  $A$ . The  $l_1$  sum of

normed spaces  $(E_\alpha, \|\cdot\|_\alpha)$  (used in Corollary 1) is the set  $\{x \in \prod_\alpha E_\alpha : \sum_\alpha \|x_\alpha\|_\alpha < \infty\}$ ; the number in this definition is the norm on the  $l_1$  sum.

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The first result strengthens Lemma 3.2 of [6]:

LEMMA. *Let  $(E, \tau_1)$  and  $(F, \tau_2)$  be topological linear spaces with  $\tau_2$  Hausdorff and nearly exotic, and let  $T$  be a continuous linear map of  $E$  onto  $F$ . Let  $\tau$  be the family of all sets in  $E$  of the form  $T^{-1}(U)$  with  $U$  in  $\tau_2$ . Then  $\tau$  is a nearly exotic topology for  $E$  which is weaker than  $\tau_1$ ; the  $\tau$ -closure of 0 is  $T^{-1}(0)$ ; (whence) if  $T$  is 1-1,  $\tau$  is Hausdorff.*

PROOF. All the above statements are easily checked. We verify only that  $\tau$  is nearly exotic: if  $U$  and  $V$  are  $\tau_2$ -neighborhoods of 0, let  $x$  be an arbitrary element of  $E$ . Since  $\tau_2$  is nearly exotic there are non-negative real numbers  $\{\lambda_i\}_{i=1}^n$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = 1$  and elements  $\{u_i\}_{i=1}^n$  of  $U$  such that  $T(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i T u_i$ . For each  $i$  choose  $z_i$  in  $T^{-1}(u_i)$ . If  $z = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i z_i$ , then  $x = z + x - z \in \text{conv } T^{-1}(U) + T^{-1}(0) \subset \text{conv } T^{-1}(U) + T^{-1}(V)$ . Thus  $x$  is in the  $\tau$ -closed convex hull of every  $\tau$ -neighborhood of 0, so  $\tau$  is nearly exotic.

A biorthogonal family for a topological linear space  $E$  is a family  $(x_\alpha, f_\alpha)$  with  $x_\alpha \in E, f_\alpha \in E^*$ , such that  $f_\alpha(x_\beta)$  is the Kronecker delta  $\delta_{\alpha\beta}$  for each  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . Also,  $S$  will denote the space of (equivalence classes of) Lebesgue-measurable functions on  $[0, 1]$  with the topology of convergence in measure. A metric for this topology is defined by

$$\sigma(f, g) = \int_0^1 \frac{|f - g|}{1 + |f - g|} d\mu$$

where  $\mu$  is Lebesgue measure. It is well known that  $S$  is a complete Hausdorff nearly exotic space.

Theorem 3.3 of [6] can be strengthened as follows:

THEOREM. (a) *Every infinite-dimensional normed space  $(E, \|\cdot\|)$  admits a weaker non-trivial nearly exotic topology;*

(b) *If in addition there is a biorthogonal family  $\{x_\alpha, f_\alpha\}$  for  $E$  such that the set  $\{f_\alpha\}$  is total over  $E$ , then  $(E, \|\cdot\|)$  admits a weaker Hausdorff nearly exotic topology.*

PROOF. (a) Proposition 2.2 of [1] applied to any linearly independent sequence in  $E$  gives a biorthogonal sequence  $(w_i, f_i)_{i=1}^\infty$  for  $E$ . Let the elements  $1, \sin nx,$

$n = 1, 2, \dots$   $\cos nx$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  of  $S$  be arranged in a sequence  $\{h_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$ . Define  $T: E \rightarrow S$  as follows:

$$T(x) = \sum_{i=1}^\infty 2^{-i} \frac{f_i(x)}{\|f_i\|} h_i.$$

For  $p \leq q$  we have the estimate

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma \left( \sum_{i=p}^q 2^{-i} \frac{f_i(x)}{\|f_i\|} h_i, 0 \right) &\leq \sum_{i=p}^q \sigma \left( 2^{-i} \frac{f_i(x)}{\|f_i\|} h_i, 0 \right) \\ &\leq \sum_{i=p}^q \sigma(2^{-i} \|x\|, 0) \\ &\leq \left( \sum_{i=p}^q 2^{-i} \right) \|x\|, \text{ since} \end{aligned}$$

the functions  $h_i$  are bounded by 1. This shows that the series defining  $T$  converges to an element of  $S$  and that  $T$  is continuous. Since  $(w_i, f_i)_{i=1}^\infty$  is biorthogonal, the range of  $T$  contains the linear span of the sequence  $\{h_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$ , which is dense in  $S$ ; hence the range of  $T$  is nearly exotic by Theorem 2.4 of [2]. Since  $S$  is Hausdorff, the Lemma gives the desired conclusion.

(b) Let  $\{(x_\alpha, f_\alpha) : \alpha \in A\}$  be a biorthogonal family for  $E$  so that the set  $\{f_\alpha\}$  is total over  $E$ . Let  $\{A_\gamma : \gamma \in \Gamma\}$  be a disjoint family of countably infinite sets whose union is  $A$ . Let  $\{f_i^\gamma\}_{i=1}^\infty$  be an enumeration of the set  $\{f_\alpha : \alpha \in A_\gamma\}$ , and define  $T: E \rightarrow \prod_{\gamma \in \Gamma} S$  by

$$(T(x))_\gamma = \sum_{i=1}^\infty 2^{-i} \frac{f_i^\gamma(x)}{\|f_i^\gamma\|} h_i,$$

where  $\{h_i\}$  is defined as in (a) above. The argument in (a) shows that  $T$  is continuous. If  $H$  is the linear span of  $\{h_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$  in  $S$ , the biorthogonality easily implies that the range of  $T$  contains the algebraic direct sum  $\bigoplus \sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} H$ , which is dense in  $\prod_{\gamma \in \Gamma} S$ . Thus the range of  $T$  is nearly exotic since  $\prod_{\gamma \in \Gamma} S$  is nearly exotic.

If  $T(x) = 0$  then  $(T(x))_\gamma = 0$  for all  $\gamma$ . The coefficients

$$\frac{2^{-i} f_i^\gamma(x)}{\|f_i^\gamma\|}$$

are easily seen to be the Fourier coefficients of  $(T(x))_\gamma$ ; thus  $f_i^\gamma(x) = 0$  for all  $\gamma$  and

$i$  and hence by our assumption on  $\{f_\alpha\}$ ,  $x = 0$ . Thus  $T$  is 1-1 and again the Lemma gives the conclusion.

A set  $\{x_\alpha\}$  in a normed space  $E$  is a *generalized basis* for  $E$  if there is a corresponding set  $\{f_\alpha\}$  in  $E^*$  so that  $\{(x_\alpha, f_\alpha)\}$  is a biorthogonal family and  $\{f_\alpha\}$  is total over  $E$ . If, in addition, the closed linear span of  $\{x_\alpha\}$  is  $E$ ,  $\{x_\alpha\}$  is a *Markushevich basis* for  $E$ .

Every weakly compactly generated Banach space  $E$  has a Markushevich basis [3, p. 918]. Hence for such  $E$ , if  $E$  is infinite-dimensional both  $E$  and  $E^*$  have an infinite generalized basis and thus by the Theorem both have a weaker Hausdorff nearly exotic topology. Also, it is easy to see that if  $\{E_\alpha\}$  is a family of Banach spaces each of which has a Markushevich basis, then the  $l_1$  sum of the spaces  $E_\alpha$  has a Markushevich basis.

**COROLLARY 1.** *Every infinite-dimensional AL-space admits a weaker Hausdorff nearly exotic topology.*

**PROOF.** Let  $E$  be an infinite-dimensional AL-space. By a theorem of Maharam [4]  $E$  can be written as the  $l_1$  sum of spaces  $L_1(v_\gamma)$ , where each  $L_1(v_\gamma)$  has one of these two forms: (i)  $v_\gamma$  is a strictly positive measure on the family of all subsets of a finite or countably infinite set; (ii)  $v_\gamma$  is a positive multiple of the product Lebesgue measure on  $[0, 1]^{m_\gamma}$ ,  $m_\gamma$  a non-zero cardinal number. Thus in either case  $L_1(v_\gamma)$  is weakly compactly generated and so has a Markushevich basis. By the preceding remarks  $E$  has a Markushevich basis; an application of the Theorem completes the proof.

**COROLLARY 2.** *Every infinite-dimensional  $C(X)$  space ( $X$  compact Hausdorff) admits a weaker Hausdorff nearly exotic topology.*

**PROOF.** Let  $E = C(X)$ . By the method of proof of Corollary 1,  $E^*$  has a Markushevich basis  $\{x_\alpha, f_\alpha\}$ ; then  $\{f_\alpha, x_\alpha\}$  is an infinite generalized basis for  $E^{**}$ . If this generalized basis is used in the theorem we obtain a 1-1 continuous linear map  $T: E^{**} \rightarrow \prod_\gamma S_\gamma$ , where each  $S_\gamma$  is  $S$  and  $T$  has a dense range. Since (in this case)  $T$  is defined by means of functionals in  $E^*$ , an examination of the construction in the Theorem shows that  $T$  is  $w^*$ -continuous on each norm-bounded subset of  $E^{**}$ . The unit ball of  $E$  is  $w^*$ -dense in the unit ball of  $E^{**}$ , so the restriction of  $T$  to  $E$  has a dense range in  $\prod_\gamma S_\gamma$ . By the theorem, the proof is complete.

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