

## ON THE CLASS OF FRÉCHET $b$ -SPACES

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ABSTRACT. We introduce the class of Fréchet  $b$ -spaces and study some of their properties. As an application, we give the bornological Mittag-Leffler lemma in the category of quotient bornological spaces [4].

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### 1. INTRODUCTION AND NOTATIONS

The Mittag-Leffler lemma applies to Fréchet spaces and the von Neumann boundedness of a Fréchet space has a useful property that the majority of boundedness do not have. In [1] (see also [2]) we introduced the class of Fréchet  $b$ -spaces and we used this class to prove a bornological version of Mittag-Leffler lemma in the category of  $b$ -spaces. We observe that a Fréchet  $b$ -space is equipped with a bounded structure which has the properties of the bounded structure of a Fréchet space.

In this paper, we will define and study this class of  $b$ -spaces. For example, we will show that if  $E$  is a completely metrizable vector space, then the  $b$ -space  $E_{co} = (E, \beta_{co})$  is a Fréchet  $b$ -space, where  $B \in \beta_{co}$  if its convex hull is bounded in the von Neumann boundedness of  $E$ . The same result will be true for the  $b$ -space  $E_f = (E, \beta_f)$ , if  $E$  is a completely metrizable locally quasi-convex vector space and  $\beta_f$  is the fine boundedness of  $E$ . Finally, we will generalize the bornological analogue of the well-known Mittag-Leffler Lemma that we established in [2], (Theorem 3.3) by proving that for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , if  $E_n|F_n$  is a quotient bornological space and  $u_{n+1} : E_{n+1} \rightarrow e_n$  is a bounded linear mapping such that its restriction  $v_{n+1} = u_{n+1}|_{F_{n+1}}$ , then  $F_{n+1} \rightarrow F_n$  is an approximatively surjective bounded linear mapping. If  $F_n$  is a Fréchet  $b$ -space, then  $\varprojlim_n (E_n|F_n) \simeq (\varprojlim_n E_n)|(\varprojlim_n F_n)$ .

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Let us give some notation and recall some definitions that will be used in this paper. Let  $E$  be a real or complex vector space and let  $B$  be an absolutely convex set of  $E$ . Let  $E_B$  be the vector space generated by  $B$  i.e.  $E_B = \cup_{\lambda>0} \lambda B$ . The Minkowski functional of  $B$  is a semi-norm on  $E_B$ . It is a norm if and only if  $B$  does not contain any nonzero subspace of  $E$ . The set  $B$  is completant if its Minkowski functional is a Banach norm.

A bounded structure  $\beta$  on a vector space  $E$  is defined by a set of “bounded” subsets of  $E$  with the following properties :

- (1) Every finite subset of  $E$  is bounded;
- (2) every union of two bounded subsets is bounded;
- (3) every subset of a bounded subset is bounded;
- (4) a set homothetic to a bounded subset is bounded;
- (5) each bounded subset is contained in a completant bounded subset.

A  $b$ -space  $(E, \beta)$  is a vector space  $E$  with a boundedness  $\beta$ . A subspace  $F$  of a  $b$ -space  $E$  is bornologically closed if  $F \cap E_B$  is closed in  $E_B$  for every completant bounded  $B$  of  $E$ . If  $B$  is a bounded subset of  $E$ , then the completant hull of  $B$  is the bounded set  $\lambda(B) = \left\{ \sum_n \lambda_n b : \sum_n |\lambda_n| \leq 1 \right\}$ .

A bounded subset  $B$  of  $E$  is completant if and only if  $B = \lambda(B)$ .

Given two  $b$ -spaces  $(E, \beta_E)$  and  $(F, \beta_F)$ , a linear mapping  $u : E \rightarrow F$  is bounded, if it maps bounded subsets of  $E$  into bounded subsets of  $F$ . The mapping  $u : E \rightarrow F$  is bornologically surjective if for every  $B' \in \beta_F$ , there exists  $B \in \beta_E$  such that  $u(B) = B'$ . We denote by  $\mathbf{b}$  the category of  $b$ -spaces and bounded linear mappings. For more information about  $b$ -spaces we refer the reader to [3].

Let  $(E, \beta_E)$  be a  $b$ -space. A  $b$ -subspace of  $E$  is a subspace  $F$  with a boundedness  $\beta_F$  such that  $(F, \beta_F)$  is a  $b$ -space and  $\beta_F \subseteq \beta_E$ . A quotient bornological space  $E|F$  is a vector space  $E/F$ , where  $E$  is a  $b$ -space and  $F$  a  $b$ -subspace of  $E$ . Given two quotient bornological spaces  $E|F$  and  $E_1|F_1$ , a strict morphism  $u : E|F \rightarrow E_1|F_1$  is induced by a bounded linear mapping  $u_1 : E \rightarrow E_1$  whose restriction to  $F$  is a bounded linear mapping  $F \rightarrow F_1$ . Two bounded linear mappings  $u_1, v_1 : E \rightarrow E_1$ , both inducing a strict morphism, induce the same strict morphism  $E|F \rightarrow E_1|F_1$  if and only if  $u_1 - v_1$  is a bounded linear mapping  $E \rightarrow F_1$ . A strict morphism  $u$  is a class of equivalence of bounded linear mappings for the equivalence just defined. The class of quotient bornological spaces and strict morphisms is a category that we call  $\tilde{\mathbf{q}}$ . A pseudo-isomorphism  $u : E|F \rightarrow E_1|F_1$  is a strict morphism induced by a bounded linear mapping  $u_1 : E \rightarrow E_1$  which is bornologically surjective and such that  $u_1^{-1}(F_1) = F$  as  $b$ -spaces i.e.  $B \in \beta_F$  if  $B \in \beta_{F_1}$  and  $u_1(B) \in \beta_{F_1}$ .

The category  $\tilde{\mathbf{q}}$  is not abelian; in fact, if  $E$  is a Banach space and  $F$  is a closed subspace of  $E$ , it would be reasonable if the quotient Banach space  $E|F$  is isomorphic to the quotient  $(E/F)|\{0\}$ . This is not the case in  $\tilde{\mathbf{q}}$

unless  $F$  is complemented in  $E$ . L. Waelbroeck [4] introduced an abelian category  $\mathbf{q}$  generated by  $\tilde{\mathbf{q}}$  and inverses of pseudo-isomorphisms, i.e.  $\mathbf{q}$  has the same objects as  $\tilde{\mathbf{q}}$  and every morphism  $u$  of  $\mathbf{q}$  can be expressed as  $u = v \circ s^{-1}$ , where  $s$  is a pseudo-isomorphism and  $v$  is a strict morphism. For more information about quotient bornological spaces we refer the reader to [4].

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

The Mittag-Leffler lemma [5] applies to Fréchet spaces. The boundedness of a Fréchet space has a property that a general bornology does not have.  $b$ -Spaces whose boundedness have it will be called Fréchet  $b$ -spaces.

**Definition 2.1.** A  $b$ -space  $E$  is a Fréchet  $b$ -space if for all sequences of bounded subsets  $(B_n)_n$  of  $E$ . There exists a sequence of positive real numbers  $(\lambda_n)_n$  such that the set  $\cup_n \lambda_n B_n$  is bounded in  $E$ .

**Proposition 2.2.** Let  $E$  be a Fréchet  $b$ -space and  $(B_n)_n$  be a sequence of bounded subsets of  $E$ . Then there exists a completant bounded subset  $B'$  of  $E$  which absorbs all the  $B_n$ .

*Proof.* Let  $(B_n)_n$  be a sequence of bounded subsets of  $E$ , there exists a sequence  $(\lambda_n)_n$  such that, for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\lambda_n \in \mathbb{R}_*^+$ , and the set  $\cup_n \lambda_n B_n$  is bounded in  $E$ . The set  $\sum_n 2^{-n-1} \lambda_n B_n$  is completant, contained in the completant hull of  $\cup_n \lambda_n B_n$  and absorbs all the bounded subsets  $B_n$ .  $\square$

Now, we give some examples of Fréchet  $b$ -spaces :

Let  $E$  be a topological vector space. A subset  $B$  is bounded in the von Neumann boundedness of  $E$  if it is absorbed by each neighbourhood of the origin. The space  $E$  with its von Neumann boundedness will be called  $E_b$ .

If  $E$  is a locally convex space in which all bounded closed absolutely convex subsets are completants, then the space  $E_b$  is a  $b$ -space.

**Proposition 2.3.** If  $E$  is a Fréchet space, then the  $b$ -space  $E_b$  is a Fréchet  $b$ -space.

The following result is stronger.

**Proposition 2.4.** Let  $E$  be a completely metrizable vector space, then the space  $E_{co} = (E, \beta_{co})$  is a Fréchet  $b$ -space, where  $B \in \beta_{co}$  if its convex hull is bounded in  $E_b$ .

*Proof.* A fundamental sequence  $(V_n)_n$  of neighbourhoods of the origin exists in  $E$  such that for each  $n$ , we have  $V_{n+1} + V_{n+1} \subset V_n$ . If  $(x_n)_n$  is a sequence of elements of  $E$  such that for all  $n$ ,  $x_n \in V_n$ , then the series  $\sum_n x_n$  converges in  $E$ , and its sum  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$  belongs to the closure of  $V_{n+1}$ .

Let  $(B_k)_k$  be a sequence of completant bounded subsets of  $E_{co}$ . For each  $k$ , one can find  $\lambda_k$  such that  $\lambda_k B_k \subset V_k$ . We must show that  $\sum_k \lambda_k B_k$  is

bounded in the  $b$ -space  $E_{co}$ . This subset is convex. It should be proved we must show that it is bounded in  $E_b$ . As  $\sum_n \lambda_n B_n \subset \overline{V}_{N-1}$ , the set  $\sum_n \lambda_n B_n$  is bounded in  $E_{co}$ , and then there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$ , such that

$$\varepsilon \left( \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \lambda_n B_n \right) \subset \overline{V}_{n+1}.$$

We assume also that  $\varepsilon \leq 1$ . Then

$$\varepsilon \left( \sum_{n=0}^N \lambda_n B_n + \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} \lambda_n B_n \right) \subset \overline{V}_{n+1} + \overline{V}_{n+1} \subset \overline{V}_n.$$

This shows that  $\sum_n \lambda_n B_n$  is bounded in  $E$ , and therefore in  $E_{co}$ .

A mapping  $v_p : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is a  $p$ -semi-norm if  $v_p(x+y) \leq v_p(x) + v_p(y)$  and  $v_p(tx) = |t|^p v_p(x)$  if  $t$  is a scalar. A locally quasi-convex topological vector space  $E$  is a topological vector space whose topology is defined by a family of  $p$ -semi-norms  $v_p$ .

A sequence  $(x_n)_n$  of elements of a locally quasi-convex topological vector space  $E$  decreases rapidly if for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , the set  $\{(1+n)^k x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is bounded in  $E$  (if and only if, for all continuous  $p$ -semi-norm  $v_p$  ( $0 < p \leq 1$ ), the sequence  $(v_p(x_n))_n$  decreases rapidly in  $\mathbb{R}^+$ ).

If  $E$  is a  $b$ -space, then a sequence  $(x_n)_n$  of elements of  $E$  is rapidly decreasing if for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , the set  $\{n^k x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is bounded in  $E$ . If  $E$  is a locally quasi-convex topological vector space, then a sequence  $(x_n)_n$  of elements of  $E$  decreases rapidly if it is rapidly decreasing in  $E_b$ .  $\square$

Another example of Fréchet  $b$ -space is giving by the following: If  $E$  is a locally quasi-convex topological vector space, then a subset of  $E$  is bounded for the fine boundedness if it is included in the closed absolutely convex hull of a rapidly decreasing sequence (i.e. a subset  $B$  of  $E$  is bounded for the fine boundedness if there exists a rapidly decreasing sequence  $(x_n)_n$  such that  $B \subset \lambda((x_n)_n)$ ).

The fine boundedness of a locally quasi-convex topological space is a convex vector boundedness and is stronger than the von Neumann boundedness. The space  $E_f$  will be  $E$  with the fine boundedness. It is a  $b$ -space if every bounded closed absolutely convex subset in  $E$  is completant.

**Proposition 2.5.** Let  $E$  be a completely metrizable locally quasi-convex vector space. Then the  $b$ -space  $E_f$  is a Fréchet  $b$ -space.

*Proof.* Let  $(B_n)_n$  be a sequence of bounded subsets of  $E_f$ . For each  $n$ , there exists a rapidly decreasing sequence  $(x_{nk})_k$  of elements of  $E$  such that  $B_n$  is contained in  $\lambda(\{x_{nk} : k \in \mathbb{N}\})$ . The topology of  $E$  is defined by a sequence  $(v_r)_r$  of  $p_r$ -semi-norms such that  $(v_r)^{\frac{1}{p_r}} = (v_{r+1})^{\frac{1}{p_{r+1}}}$ .

We shall use the following double sequence of real positive numbers :

$$y_{rk} = \max \left\{ v_r^{\frac{1}{p^r}}((x_{nk})) : 0 \leq n \leq r \right\}.$$

For Cantor's diagonal, we obtain a rapidly decreasing sequence  $(z_k)_k$  of real positive numbers such that, for every  $r$ , we have  $v_{rk} \leq 2^{-r}z_k$  except for finite numbers of  $k$ .

If it is done, then we find a sequence of numbers strictly positive  $(\lambda_r)_r$  such that for all  $r$  there exists  $k$  such that  $\lambda_r y_{rk} \leq 2^{-r}z_k$ .

Let  $x'_{rk} = \lambda_r x_{rk}$ . The bijection

$$\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}, \quad (r, k) \mapsto (r+k) \left( \frac{r+k+1}{2} \right) + k$$

changes it to a rapidly decreasing sequence  $(t_n)_n$  of  $E$ , such that the set  $\lambda(\{t_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\})$  absorbs all the subsets  $B_n$ .  $\square$

*Remark.* We must describe the application of the Cantor diagonal. Consider a double sequence  $(y_{rk})_{rk}$  such that, for all  $k$ , the sequence  $(y_{rk})_r$  is increasing and for all  $r$ , the sequence  $(y_{rk})_k$  is rapidly decreasing. For each  $r$ , we can choose  $n_r$  in such a way that  $y_{rk} \leq 2^{-r}(1+k^{-r})$  if  $k > n_r$ . The sequence  $(n_r)$  increases and tends to infinity. Let  $z_k = k^{-l}$  when  $n_r \leq l < n_{r+1}$ . It decreases rapidly, and  $y_{rk} \leq 2^{-r}z_k$  when  $k \geq n_r$ .

If  $(E, \beta_E)$  is a  $b$ -space, then a subset  $C$  of  $E$  is compact if there exists a bounded completant subset  $B$  in  $E$  such that  $C$  is compact in the Banach space  $E_B$ . We denote by  $C_E$  the family of compact subsets of the  $b$ -space  $E$  and  $E_c$  the space  $E$  with the boundedness  $C_E$ . It is a  $b$ -space, whenever  $E$  is a  $b$ -space. It is clear that the family  $C_E$  is another boundedness on  $E$  which is finer than  $\beta_E$ .

If  $E$  is a Fréchet space, then the family  $C_E$  is the set of relatively compact subsets of  $E$ , and  $E_c$  is the space  $E$  with the boundedness  $C_E$ . It is also a  $b$ -space.

Recall that if  $E$  is a Fréchet space, then a compact subset  $K$  of  $E$  is contained in the closed absolutely convex hull of  $(x_n)_n$ , where  $(x_n)_n$  is a sequence of  $E$  which converges to 0 for the topology of  $E$ .

**Proposition 2.6.** If  $(E, \beta_E)$  is a Fréchet  $b$ -space, then the  $b$ -space  $E_c$  is a Fréchet  $b$ -space.

*Proof.* Let  $(C_n)_n$  be a sequence of compact convex subsets of  $E$ . Then for every  $n$ , there exists  $B_n \in \beta_E$  such that  $C_n$  is compact in  $E_{B_n}$ . Since  $(E, \beta_E)$  is a Fréchet  $b$  space, there exists a sequence of strictly positive numbers  $(\lambda_n)_n$  such that the set  $\sum_n \lambda_n B_n$  is bounded. Let  $(\lambda'_n)_n$  be a new sequence such that  $\lambda'_n > 0$ ,  $\lambda'_n < \lambda_n$  and  $\frac{\lambda'_n}{\lambda_n} \rightarrow 0$ . The set  $\sum_n \lambda'_n C_n$  is clearly relatively compact in the Banach space absorbed by  $\sum_n \lambda_n B_n$

(i.e. having  $\sum_n \lambda_n B_n$  as an unit ball). This shows that  $E_c$  is a Fréchet  $b$ -space.  $\square$

As application, we give the bornological Mittag-Leffler Lemma in the category of  $b$ -spaces. But we need to recall from [2] the definition of approximatively surjective mappings.

**Definition 2.7.** Let  $E$  and  $F$  be  $b$ -spaces. A bounded linear mapping  $u : E \rightarrow F$  is approximatively surjective if for every bounded subset  $B$  of  $F$ , there exists a bounded completant subset  $B_1$  of  $F$  and there exists a bounded completant subset  $C$  of  $E$  such that  $B \subset B_1$ ,  $u(C) \subset B_1$  and for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  we have  $B_1 \subset \varepsilon B_1 + \cup_{Mn \in \mathbb{R}} Mu(C)$ .

In the Banach case, it is clear that a mapping is approximatively surjective if and only if it has a dense range.

The following result was established in [2] (Theorem 3.3).

**Application 2.8.** For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $E_n$  be a  $b$ -space and  $F_n$  be a bornologically closed subspace of  $E_n$ . For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $u_{n+1} : E_{n+1} \rightarrow E_n$  be a bounded linear mapping such that  $v_{n+1} = u_{n+1}/F_{n+1} : F_{n+1} \rightarrow F_n$  is an approximatively surjective bounded linear mapping. If  $F_n$  is a Fréchet  $b$ -space, then  $\varprojlim_n (E_n|F_n) \simeq (\varprojlim_n E_n)|(\varprojlim_n F_n)$ .

In the category of quotient bornological spaces, we obtain

**Application 2.9.** For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $E_n|F_n$  be a quotient bornological space and let  $u_{n+1} : E_{n+1} \rightarrow E_n$  be a bounded linear mapping such that its restriction  $v_{n+1} = u_{n+1}/F_{n+1} : F_{n+1} \rightarrow F_n$  is an approximatively surjective bounded linear mapping. If  $F_n$  is a Fréchet  $b$ -space, then  $\varprojlim_n (E_n|F_n) \simeq (\varprojlim_n E_n)|(\varprojlim_n F_n)$ .

*Proof.* In fact, it follows from Application 2.8 that the right exact functor  $\varprojlim_n(\cdot) : \mathbf{b} \rightarrow \mathbf{b}$  is exact, and hence, Theorem 4.1 of [4] implies that we can extend it to an exact functor  $\varprojlim_n(\cdot) : \mathbf{q} \rightarrow \mathbf{q}$ . Since each quotient bornological space  $E_n|F_n$  defines an exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow F_n \rightarrow E_n \rightarrow E_n|F_n \rightarrow 0$$

its image by the exact functor  $\varprojlim_n(\cdot) : \mathbf{q} \rightarrow \mathbf{q}$  is the following exact sequence:

$$0 \rightarrow \varprojlim_n F_n \rightarrow \varprojlim_n E_n \rightarrow \varprojlim_n (E_n \rightarrow F_n) \rightarrow 0.$$

As consequence, we deduce that

$$\varprojlim_n (E_n|F_n) \simeq (\varprojlim_n E_n)|(\varprojlim_n F_n). \quad \square$$

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