

V.5 Fréchet spaces

Definition. Let (X, \mathcal{T}) be a LCS. The space X is said to be an **Fréchet-space** if \mathcal{T} is generated by a complete translation invariant metric.

Examples 24.

- (1) Any Banach space is a Fréchet space as well.
- (2) The spaces $\mathbb{F}^{\mathbb{N}}$, $\mathcal{C}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{F})$, $H(\Omega)$ mentioned in Examples 1 are Fréchet spaces.

Proposition 25. Let (X, \mathcal{T}) be a Fréchet-space. Then any translation invariant metric generating the topology \mathcal{T} is complete.

Proposition 26. Let X be a Fréchet-space. Then a set $A \subset X$ is compact if and only if it is totally bounded and closed.

Proposition 27. Let X be a LCS and let $A \subset X$ be totally bounded. Then $\text{aco } A$ is totally bounded as well.

Corollary 28. Let X be a Fréchet space and let $A \subset X$ be a compact subset. Then $\text{aco } A$ is compact as well.

Theorem 29 (Banach-Steinhaus). Let X be a Fréchet space and let Y be a LCS. Let (T_n) be a sequence of continuous linear mappings $T_n : X \rightarrow Y$. Suppose that the limit $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_n x$ exists in Y for each $x \in X$. Then the mapping $T : X \rightarrow Y$ defined by the formula $Tx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_n x$, $x \in X$, is continuous.

Theorem 30 (open mapping theorem). Let X and Y be Fréchet spaces and let $T : X \rightarrow Y$ be a continuous linear mapping of X onto Y . Then T is an open mapping. In particular, if T is moreover one-to-one, T^{-1} is continuous, i.e., T is an isomorphism of X onto Y .

Remark: The situation for general TVS is the following:

- A TVS whose topology is generated by a complete translation invariant metric is called **F -space**. Spaces $L^p(\mu)$ for $p \in (0, 1)$ mentioned in Example 1(5) are F -spaces which are not locally convex.
- Propositions 25 and 26 hold for F -spaces as well (no change is needed).
- Proposition 27 and Corollary 28 fail for spaces which are not locally convex.
- Theorem 29 also holds assuming that X is an F -space and Y is a TVS. The proof is similar, but uses a more advanced notion of equicontinuity.
- Theorem 30 holds for F -spaces as well.