

THE APPROXIMATION PROPERTY OF ORDER p IN LOCALLY CONVEX SPACES^(*)

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ABSTRACT:

We define the approximation property and the local approximation property of order $p > 1$ of a locally convex space. We prove that, if $E = \varinjlim E_n$ is a regular inductive limit of Frechet spaces E_n with the approximation property of order $p > 1$, then E has this property.

1. INTRODUCTION

In [12], for every real number $p \geq 1$, Saphar defines the approximation property of order p (in shortly AP_p) of a Banach space E . The approximation property of order 1 for E is nothing but the classical approximation property (AP) of Grothendieck. Every Banach space has AP_2 and every Banach space with the AP has the AP_p for all $p > 1$. In [11], Reinov notices that there are Banach spaces with the AP_p , $p > 2$, without the AP and gives an example of a reflexive separable Banach space E such that, for every $p \neq 2$, E does not have the AP_p .

It seems that there is no definition of the AP_p , $p > 1$, for locally convex spaces. The purpose of this paper is to introduce the definition of the approximation property of order $p > 1$ of a locally convex space E and to develop a theory similar to the classical one for $p = 1$ as far as possible. This definition is given in section 2. However, after the proof of some general properties, we shall only consider in this paper the problem of the AP_p , $p > 1$, of an inductive limit of a sequence of Frechet spaces. Then, we obtain a theorem similar to a result of Bierstedt and Meise ([2]) for the classical approximation property.

Our notation for separated locally convex spaces (in shortly l.c.s.) over the field \mathbb{K} of real numbers \mathbb{R} or complex numbers \mathbb{C} , is standard and we refer the

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reader to [6] and [13]. Given a l.c.s. E , we shall denote by $\mathcal{U}(E)$ a basis of absolutely convex closed O -neighbourhoods and by K_U (resp. \bar{K}_U) the canonical map from E onto E_U (resp. into \hat{E}_U) for each $U \in \mathcal{U}(E)$. If E and F are l.c.s., $\mathcal{L}(E, F)$ will be the space of all continuous linear maps from E into F and $\mathcal{B}_e(E'_\sigma, F'_\sigma)$ will be the space of all separately continuous bilinear forms on $E'_\sigma \times F'_\sigma$ provided with the topology of the uniform convergence on the sets $U^0 \times V^0$, where $U \in \mathcal{U}(E)$ and $V \in \mathcal{U}(F)$.

\mathbb{N} is the set of positive natural numbers. If $p \in \mathbb{R}$, $p \geq 1$, we define its conjugate number $p' \in [1, \infty]$ such that $1/p + 1/p' = 1$. If E is a l.c.s. and $p \geq 1$, in [1] are defined the spaces $\mathcal{L}^p(E)$ and $\mathcal{L}^p[E]$ of weakly p -summable and absolutely p -summable sequences (x_i) of E , respectively. We shall consider $\mathcal{L}^p(E)$ (resp. $\mathcal{L}^p[E]$) endowed with the topology defined by the system of seminorms $\{\epsilon_{p,U}, U \in \mathcal{U}(E)\}$ (resp. $\{\Pi_{p,U}, U \in \mathcal{U}(E)\}$) where

$$\epsilon_{p,U}((x_i)) = \begin{cases} \sup_{x' \in U^0} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |\langle x_i, x' \rangle|^p \right)^{1/p} & \text{if } 1 \leq p < \infty \\ \sup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \sup_{x' \in U^0} |\langle x_i, x' \rangle| & \text{if } p = \infty \end{cases}$$

$$\Pi_{p,U}((x_i)) = \begin{cases} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (p_U(x_i))^p \right)^{1/p} & \text{if } 1 \leq p < \infty \\ \sup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} p_U(x_i) & \text{if } p = \infty \end{cases}$$

We shall consider every finite sequence (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) as a sequence (x_i) with $x_i = 0$ if $i > n$.

If E and F are l.c.s., a map $T \in \mathcal{L}(E, F)$ is called p -absolutely summing ($1 \leq p \leq \infty$) and we will write $T \in \mathcal{S}^p(E, F)$, if for every $(x_i) \in \mathcal{L}^p(E)$, we have $(Tx_i) \in \mathcal{L}^p[F]$. If E is bornological, the continuity of T is a consequence of the second condition. The proof is analogous to the proof of [6], pag. 428, in the normed case. A map $T \in \mathcal{S}^p(E, F)$ such that the map $\hat{T}: \mathcal{L}^p(E) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}^p[F]$ defined by means of $T((x_i)) = (Tx_i)$, is continuous, will be called totally p -absolutely summing. If E is metrizable or $\mathcal{L}^p(E)$ is quasibarrelled, every $T \in \mathcal{S}^p(E, F)$ is totally p -absolutely summing for all l.c.s. F . (The proof is a slight modification of the proof given in [9], pag. 36 in the case $p = 1$). It is easy to prove that a map $T \in \mathcal{L}(E, F)$ is totally p -absolutely summing if and only if for each $V \in \mathcal{U}(F)$, there is $U \in \mathcal{U}(E)$ such that for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and every finite set $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} \subset E$, we have

$$\Pi_{p,V}((Tx_i)) \leq \epsilon_{p,U}((x_i)).$$

With the same method of [6] pag. 433, we can prove the following factorization theorem which we shall use later:

PROPOSITION A: *Let E, F be l.c.s. and $T \in \mathcal{L}(E, F)$ be a totally p -absolutely summing map ($1 < p < \infty$). For each $V \in \mathcal{U}(F)$, there are $U \in \mathcal{U}(E)$, a reflexive Banach space M , a totally p -absolutely summing map $J_p \in \mathcal{L}(E, M)$ and a map $B \in \mathcal{L}(M, \hat{F}_V)$, such that*

$$\bar{K}_V T = B J_p.$$

If E and F are l.c.s. and $p \geq 1$, the topology g_p of Saphar in the tensor product $E \otimes F$ is defined by the family of seminorms $\{g_{p,U,V}, U \in \mathcal{U}(E), V \in \mathcal{U}(F)\}$ where

$$g_{p,U,V}(z) = \inf \left\{ \Pi_{p,U}((x_i)) \cdot \epsilon_{p',V}((y_i)) \mid z = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \otimes y_i \in E \otimes F \right\}$$

taking the inf over all representations of $z \in E \otimes F$. With this topology, $E \otimes F$ is denoted by $E \otimes_{g_p} F$ and its completion by $E \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} F$. In [11] it is proved that, if E and F are Banach spaces, $(E \otimes_{g_p} F)' = S^{p'}(F, E')$ where the isomorphism is defined by

$$\langle T, z \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n \langle x_i, T y_i \rangle \quad \forall T \in S^{p'}(F, E'), \quad \forall z = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \otimes y_i \in E \otimes F.$$

It is easy to prove that these property also holds if F is a Frechet space.

In some cases, we shall identify $E \otimes F$ with a subspace of linear mappings from E' into F or from F' into E in the canonical way.

1. THE APPROXIMATION PROPERTY OF ORDER $p > 1$ IN BANACH SPACES

In what follows, p will be always a real number $p > 1$. Let E, F be l.c.s. For each $V \in \mathcal{U}(F)$, $(x_i) \in \mathcal{L}^p(E)$ and $T \in S^p(E, F)$, we define

$$P_{(x_i),V}(T) = \Pi_{p,V}((Tx_i)).$$

We consider $S^p(E, F)$ endowed with the topology \mathcal{T}_p defined by the system of seminorms $\{P_{(x_i),V}, (x_i) \in \mathcal{L}^p(E), V \in \mathcal{U}(F)\}$. Clearly \mathcal{T}_p is a separated topology.

PROPOSITION 1: *If E is a Frechet space and F is a Banach space, the topological dual of $[S^p(E,F), \mathfrak{T}_p]$ is a quotient of $F' \hat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{E}_p} E$.*

Proof. Let B be the closed unit ball of F . Every $z \in F' \hat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{E}_p} E$ has the form (see [4])

$$z = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} y'_i \otimes x_i \text{ with } (y'_i) \in \mathcal{L}^{p'}[F'], (x_i) \in \mathcal{L}^p(E).$$

As $S^p(E,F) \subset (F' \hat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{E}_p} E)'$, the linear form on $S^p(E,F)$

$$\varphi_z(T) = \langle \varphi_z, T \rangle = \langle z, T \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \langle Tx_i, y'_i \rangle \quad \forall T \in S^p(E,F),$$

is well defined and, by Hölder's inequality

$$|\langle \varphi_z, T \rangle| \leq \Pi_{p',B^0}((y'_i)) \cdot P_{(x_i),B}(T).$$

Hence $\varphi_z \in [S^p(E,F), \mathfrak{T}_p]'$.

Conversely, let ψ be an element of $[S^p(E,F), \mathfrak{T}_p]'$. Then there is $(x_i) \in \mathcal{L}^p(E)$ such that

$$|\psi(T)| \leq 1 \quad \text{if } T \in S^p(E,F) \text{ and } P_{(x_i),B}(T) < 1$$

where B is the closed unit ball of F . The map $G: [S^p(E,F), \mathfrak{T}_p] \rightarrow \mathcal{L}^p[F]$ such that

$$G(T) = (Tx_i) \quad \forall T \in S^p(E,F)$$

is continuous. Its dual map $G': \mathcal{L}^{p'}[F'] \rightarrow [S^p(E,F), \mathfrak{T}_p]'$ is weakly continuous. (See [7], pag. 359). If W is the closed unit ball of $\mathcal{L}^{p'}[F']$, $G'(W)$ is $\sigma([S^p(E,F), \mathfrak{T}_p]', S^p(E,F))$ -compact and convex. Let us prove that $\psi \in G'(W)$. If not, by [6] pag. 131, there would be $H \in S^p(E,F)$ such that $|\langle H, \psi \rangle| > 1$ and $|\langle H, \eta \rangle| \leq 1$ for all $\eta \in G'(W)$. But, by [7], pág. 196, there is $(y'_i) \in W$ such that

$$P_{(x_i),B}(H) = \langle (Hx_i), (y'_i) \rangle = |\langle G(H), (y'_i) \rangle| = |\langle H, G'((y'_i)) \rangle| \leq 1.$$

Then by hypothesis $|\psi(H)| \leq 1$ which is a contradiction. Then there is $(z'_i) \in W$ such that $\psi = G'((z'_i))$. Now

$$z = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} z'_i \otimes x_i \in F' \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} E$$

and it is easy to see that $\langle \varphi_z, T \rangle = \langle T, \psi \rangle$ for every $T \in S^p(E, F)$. Then φ is an epimorphism and $[S^p(E, F), \mathfrak{T}_p]' = (F' \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} E) / \text{Ker}(\varphi)$.

PROPOSITION 2: *Let E be a Frechet space. The following conditions are equivalent:*

- 1) *For every Banach space $F, E' \otimes F$ is \mathfrak{T}_p -dense in $S^{p'}(E, F)$.*
- 2) *For every Banach space F , the canonical map*

$$\chi_F : F \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} E \longrightarrow \mathcal{L}(F', E)$$

is injective.

- 3) *For every Banach space F , the canonical map*

$$\psi_F : F' \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} E \longrightarrow \mathcal{L}(F, E)$$

is injective.

Proof: $1 \Rightarrow 2$. Let φ be the map from $F'' \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} E$ onto $[S^{p'}(E, F'), \mathfrak{T}_p]'$ of the proposition 1. Let $z \in F \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} E$ be such that $\chi_F(z) = 0$. If

$$z = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} y_i \otimes x_i$$

with $(y_i) \in \ell^p[F]$ and $(x_i) \in \ell^{p'}(E)$, we can consider z as an element of $F'' \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} E$. Then, for every $y' \in F'$ and every $x' \in E'$ we have

$$0 = \langle \chi_F(z)(y'), x' \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \langle y_i, y' \rangle \langle x_i, x' \rangle = \langle \varphi(z), x' \otimes y' \rangle.$$

Then, since $E' \otimes F'$ is \mathfrak{T}_p -dense on $S^{p'}(E, F')$, $\varphi(z) = 0$ on $S^{p'}(E, F') = (F \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} E)'$. Now, for every $T \in S^{p'}(E, F')$

$$\langle z, T \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \langle T x_i, y_i \rangle = \langle \varphi(z), T \rangle = 0$$

and hence $z = 0$ and χ_F is injective.

$2) \Rightarrow 3)$. Given

$$z = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} y'_i \otimes x_i \in F' \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} E, \quad (y'_i) \in \ell^p[F'], \quad (x_i) \in \ell^{p'}(E),$$

the map $S = \psi_F(z) \in \mathcal{L}(F, E)$ is the restriction to F of the map $\chi_{F'}(z) \in \mathcal{L}(F'', E)$. Moreover, for each $x' \in E'$

$$g(x') = z' = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \langle x_i, x' \rangle y'_i$$

is a convergent series in F' . Given $y'' \in F''$, there is a net $\{y_a, a \in A\}$ in F $\sigma(F'', F')$ -convergent to y'' . Then for every $x' \in E'$

$$|\langle \chi_{F'}(z)(y'') - \chi_{F'}(z)(y_a), x' \rangle| = |\langle y'' - y_a, g(x') \rangle|$$

and

$$\chi_{F'}(z)(y'') = \lim_{a \in A} \chi_{F'}(z)(y_a) = \lim_{a \in A} \psi_F(z)(y_a) \quad \text{in } \sigma(E, E')$$

Then, if $z \in F' \hat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{G}_p} E$ is such that $\psi_F(z) = 0$, we have $\chi_{F'}(z) = 0$ in $\mathcal{L}(F'', E)$.

By hypothesis $z = 0$ and ψ_F is injective.

3) \Rightarrow 1). Let $G \in [S^{P'}(E, F), \mathfrak{G}_p]'$ be such that $G(z) = 0$ for every $z \in E' \otimes F$. By proposition 1, there is

$$z = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} y'_i \otimes x_i \in F' \hat{\otimes}_{\mathfrak{G}_p} E$$

such that

$$\langle G, T \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \langle Tx_i, y'_i \rangle \quad \forall T \in S^{P'}(E, F).$$

Then, for every $x' \in E'$ and every $y \in F$

$$0 = \langle G, x' \otimes y \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \langle x', x_i \rangle \langle y, y'_i \rangle = \langle \psi_F(z)(y), x' \rangle.$$

Hence $\psi_F(z) = 0$ in $\mathcal{L}(F, E)$ and by 3), $z = 0$. Then $G = 0$ and $E' \otimes F$ is \mathfrak{G}_p -dense in $S^{P'}(E, F)$.

PROPOSITION 3: *If E is a l.c.s., the following conditions are equivalent:*

- 1) *For every Banach space F , $E' \otimes F$ is \mathfrak{G}_p -dense in $S^{P'}(E, F)$.*
- 2) *For every l.c.s. F , $E' \otimes F$ is \mathfrak{G}_p -dense in $S^{P'}(E, F)$.*

Proof: 1) \Rightarrow 2). Let us suppose that $T_0 \in S^{P'}(E, F)$, $(x_i) \in \mathcal{L}^{P'}(E)$ and $V \in \mathcal{U}(F)$. Given $\epsilon > 0$ we consider the \mathfrak{G}_p -neighbourhood of T_0

$$W = \left\{ T \in S^{p'}(E, F) / P_{(x_i), V}(T - T_0) < \epsilon \right\}.$$

As $\bar{K}_V T_0 \in S^{p'}(E, \hat{F}_V)$, by 1) there is

$$T = \sum_{j=1}^h x'_j \otimes w_j \in E' \otimes \hat{F}_V \subset S^{p'}(E, \hat{F}_V)$$

such that $P_{(x_i), V}(\bar{K}_V T_0 - T) < \epsilon/2$. For each $j = 1, 2, \dots, h$ we have

$$N_j = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |\langle x'_j, x_i \rangle|^{p'} \right)^{1/p'} < \infty.$$

Let us define $M_j = N_j$ if $N_j \neq 0$ and $M_j = 1$ if $N_j = 0$. Now, we choose $y_j \in F$ such that

$$p_V(w_j - \bar{K}_V(y_j)) < \epsilon/(2hM_j) \quad \forall j = 1, 2, \dots, h$$

and we define

$$S = \sum_{j=1}^h x'_j \otimes y_j \in E' \otimes F.$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} P_{(x_i), V}(S - T_0) &= \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left(p_V \left(\sum_{j=1}^h \langle x'_j, x_i \rangle \bar{K}_V(y_j) - (\bar{K}_V T_0)(x_i) \right) \right)^{p'} \right)^{1/p'} \leq \\ &\leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left(p_V \left(\sum_{j=1}^h \langle x'_j, x_i \rangle (\bar{K}_V(y_j) - w_j) \right) \right)^{p'} \right)^{1/p'} + \\ &+ \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left(p_V \left(\sum_{j=1}^h \langle x'_j, x_i \rangle w_j - (\bar{K}_V T_0)(x_i) \right) \right)^{p'} \right)^{1/p'} \leq \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^h \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (|\langle x'_j, x_i \rangle| p_V(\bar{K}_V(y_j) - w_j))^{p'} \right)^{1/p'} + \\ &+ P_{(x_i), V}(\bar{K}_V T_0 - T) \leq \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $S \in W$.

2) \Rightarrow 1). Trivial.

It is known (see [3], [6], [8]) that the AP of a Banach space E is equivalent to the fact that, for every Banach space F , the canonical map from $F \hat{\otimes}_{\pi} E$ into

$\mathcal{L}(F', E)$ is injective. As the projective tensor topology π coincides with the tensor topology g_1 of Saphar, Reinov ([11]) (and Saphar ([12]) with a slightly different formulation) gave the following definition:

DEFINITION A: A Banach space E has the AP_p ($p \geq 1$) if, for every Banach space F the canonical map χ_F from $F \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} E$ into $\mathcal{L}(F', E)$ is injective.

Then, the proposition 2 is a new characterization of the AP_p , $p > 1$ of a Banach space E .

2. THE APPROXIMATION PROPERTY OF ORDER $p > 1$ IN LOCALLY CONVEX SPACES

Motivated by propositions 2 and 3, we shall give the following definition: (always $p > 1$)

DEFINITION 1: A l.c.s. E is said to satisfy the AP_p , if for every l.c.s. F , $E' \otimes F$ is \mathcal{G}_p -dense in $S^{p'}(E, F)$.

By propositions 3 and 2, this definition is consistent with the definition A of Reinov in the case of Banach spaces E .

PROPOSITION 4: Let E be a l.c.s. with the AP_p . If H is a dense subspace of E , H has the AP_p .

Proof: Since $\mathcal{L}^{p'}(H) \subset \mathcal{L}^{p'}(E)$, the proof is immediate.

Consequently, if the completion \hat{E} of a l.c.s. E has the AP_p , E has also the AP_p . Now, we introduce the concept of local approximation property of order p (local AP_p):

DEFINITION 2: A l.c.s. E is said to satisfy the local AP_p if there is a basis of 0-neighbourhoods $\mathcal{U}(E)$ such that the Banach space \hat{E}_U has the AP_p for each $U \in \mathcal{U}(E)$.

In this case, according to proposition 4, each E_U has the AP_p .

PROPOSITION 5: Let E be a l.c.s. with the local AP_p and such that, for every l.c.s. F , every $T \in S^{p'}(E, F)$ is totally p' -absolutely summing. Then E has the AP_p .

Proof: Given a l.c.s. F , $(x_i) \in \mathcal{L}^{p'}(E)$, $V \in \mathcal{U}(F)$ and $T \in S^{p'}(E, F)$, there is $U \in \mathcal{U}(E)$ such that

$$\Pi_{p',V}((Tt_i)) \leq \epsilon_{p',U}((t_i)) \quad \forall t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n \in E, \quad \forall n \in \mathbf{N}$$

Then, the map $\bar{T}: E_U \rightarrow \hat{F}_V$ defined by $\bar{T}(K_U(x)) = (\bar{K}_V T)(x)$ for all $x \in E$, is well defined and $\bar{T} \in S^{p'}(E_U, F_V)$. As $(K_U(x_i)) \in \mathcal{L}^{p'}(E_U)$, by proposition 4, given $\epsilon > 0$, there is

$$\bar{z} = \sum_{j=1}^h x'_j \otimes K_V(y_j) \in E'_{U_0} \otimes F_V$$

such that $P_{(K_U(x_i)),V}(\bar{T} - \bar{z}) \leq \epsilon$. Then, for

$$z = \sum_{j=1}^h x'_j \otimes y_j \in E' \otimes F,$$

$P_{(x_i),V}(T - z)$ holds and E has the AP_p .

In [9], Nelimarkka has shown that in each Frechet space F with a Schauder basis, there is a system $\mathcal{U}(F)$ such that for every $U \in \mathcal{U}(F)$, \hat{F}_U has the AP . Hence, every Frechet space with a Schauder basis has the AP_p for every $p > 1$.

THEOREM 1. *Let E, F be l.c.s. such that F has the local AP_p or F is a Frechet space with the AP_p . Then $E' \otimes F'$ is $\sigma((E \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} F)', E \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} F)$ -dense in $(E \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} F)'$.*

Proof: Let us suppose that F is a l.c.s. with the local AP_p and $z_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ are in $E \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} F$. Given $T \in (E \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} F)'$, there are $U \in \mathcal{U}(E)$ and $V \in \mathcal{U}(F)$ such that the linear form \bar{T} on $E_U \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} F_V$ defined by

$$\langle (K_U \otimes K_V)(z), \bar{T} \rangle = \langle z, T \rangle \quad \forall z \in E \otimes F,$$

is well defined an $\bar{T} \in (E_U \otimes F_V)' = (\hat{E}_U \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} \hat{F}_V)'$. Let $\varphi \in (\hat{E}_U \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} \hat{F}_V)$ be such that $\varphi(E'_{U_0} \otimes F'_{V_0}) = 0$ but $\varphi \neq 0$. By proposition 2, the canonical map $\chi: \hat{E}_U \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} \hat{F}_V \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(E'_{U_0}, \hat{F}_V)$ is injective. Then, there are $x' \in E'_{U_0}$ and $y' \in F'_{V_0}$ such that $0 \neq \langle \chi(\varphi)(x'), y' \rangle = \langle \varphi, x' \otimes y' \rangle$, which is a contradiction. Hence $E'_{U_0} \otimes F'_{V_0}$ is $\sigma((\hat{E}_U \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} \hat{F}_V)', (\hat{E}_U \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} \hat{F}_V))$ -dense in $(\hat{E}_U \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} \hat{F}_V)'$.

Now, let $\bar{K}_U \hat{\otimes} \bar{K}_V$ be the canonical map from $E \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} F$ into $E_U \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} F_V = \hat{E}_U \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} \hat{F}_V$. Given $\epsilon > 0$, there is $w \in E'_{U_0} \otimes F'_{V_0} \subset E' \otimes F'$ such that

$$|\langle \bar{T} - w, (\bar{K}_U \hat{\otimes} \bar{K}_V)(z_i) \rangle| = |\langle T - w, z_i \rangle| \leq \epsilon \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

and the proof is complete. If F is a Frechet space with the AP_p , the proof is similar replacing F_V by F and using the propositions 3 and 2.

COROLLARY 1: *Let E, F be l.c.s. such that F has the local AP_p or F is a Frechet space with the AP_p . Then $\langle E \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} F, E' \otimes F' \rangle$ is a dual pair.*

Proof: Immediate, by theorem 1.

COROLLARY 2. *Let E, F be l.c.s. such that F has the local AP_p or F is a Frechet space with the AP_p . Then the canonical map*

$$\hat{\Delta} : E \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} F \longrightarrow \hat{\mathcal{B}}_e(E', F')$$

is injective.

Proof: It is easy to see that every $\varphi \in \hat{\mathcal{B}}_e(E', F')$ can be identified with a bilinear form on $E' \times F'$. Let $z \in E \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} F$ be such that $\hat{\Delta}(z) = 0$. There is a net $\{z_a, a \in A\}$ in $E \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} F$ convergent to z in the completion. Then, for every $x' \in E'$ and $y' \in F'$.

$$\langle z, x' \otimes y' \rangle = \lim_{a \in A} \langle z_a, x' \otimes y' \rangle = \lim_{a \in A} \hat{\Delta}(z_a)(x', y') = \hat{\Delta}(z)(x', y') = 0.$$

By theorem 1, $z = 0$ and $\hat{\Delta}$ is injective.

COROLLARY 3: *Let F, G be complete l.c.s. such that G has the local AP_p or G is a Frechet space with the AP_p . Let H be a l.c.s. and T a continuous injective linear map from G into H . If I is the identity map on F , the continuous linear map*

$$I \hat{\otimes} T : F \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} G \longrightarrow F \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} H$$

is injective.

Proof: The space $\hat{\mathcal{B}}_e(F', G')$ is complete (see [8] pág. 167). We consider the canonical continuous linear maps

$$\hat{\Delta}_1 : F \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} G \longrightarrow \hat{\mathcal{B}}_e(F', G') \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\Delta}_2 : F \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} H \longrightarrow \hat{\mathcal{B}}_e(F', H')$$

as in corollary 2. If $z \in F \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} G$ is such that $(I \hat{\otimes} T)(z) = 0$, we take a net

$$\left\{ z_a = \sum_{i=1}^{n_a} x_i^a \otimes y_i^a, a \in A \right\}$$

in $F \otimes G$ convergent to z in $F \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} G$. Since $\hat{\Delta}_2(I \hat{\otimes} T)(z) = 0$, given $(x', h') \in F' \times H'$,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \lim_{a \in A} \left| \sum_{i=1}^{n_a} \langle x_i^a, x' \rangle \langle Ty_i^a, h' \rangle \right| = \lim_{a \in A} \left| \hat{\Delta}_1(z_a)(x', T'h') \right| = \\ &= \left| \hat{\Delta}_1(z)(x', T'h') \right|. \end{aligned}$$

Since T is injective, $T'(H')$ is $\sigma(G', G)$ -dense in G' . As $\hat{\Delta}_1(z) \in \mathcal{B}_e(F'_\sigma, G'_\sigma)$, we have $\hat{\Delta}_1(z) = 0$ on $F' \times G'$. By corollary 2, $z = 0$ and $I \hat{\otimes} T$ is injective.

3. THE APPROXIMATION PROPERTY OF ORDER $p > 1$ IN INDUCTIVE LIMITS

We begin with a previous result which seems to be interesting in itself.

PROPOSITION 6: *Let E be a l.c.s. and $(x_i) \in \ell^p(E)$. Then there is a bounded set B in E such that B is contained in the closed linear span of $\{x_i, i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ and $(x_i) \in \ell^p(E_B)$.*

Proof: Set

$$F = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n b_i x_i \mid b_i \in \mathbb{K}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n; n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |b_i|^p \right)^{1/p'} \leq 1 \right\}$$

and

$$\lambda(U) = \sup_{x' \in U^0} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |\langle x_i, x' \rangle|^p \right)^{1/p} < \infty \quad \forall U \in \mathcal{U}(E).$$

By Hölder's inequality, every $z \in F$ lies in $\lambda(U)U^{00} = \lambda(U)U$ for each $U \in \mathcal{U}(E)$. Then F is bounded and its closed convex hull B is also bounded and is contained in the closed linear span of $\{x_i, i \in \mathbb{N}\}$.

Let us see that $(x_i) \in \ell^p(E_B)$. Let z' be in $(E_B)'$ such that $\|z'\| \leq 1$ and let V be the closed unit ball of $\ell^{p'}$. Given $(b_i) \in V$, there is $(c_i) \in \mathbb{K}^{\mathbb{N}}$ such that $|c_i| = 1$ and $c_i b_i \langle x_i, z' \rangle = |b_i \langle x_i, z' \rangle|$ for all $i \in \mathbb{N}$. Then for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n b_i c_i x_i \in F \subset B$$

and

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |\langle x_i, z' \rangle| b_i = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i c_i \langle x_i, z' \rangle = \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^n b_i c_i x_i, z' \right\rangle \leq \|z'\|$$

Consequently

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |\langle x_i, z' \rangle|^p \right)^{1/p} = \sup \left\{ \left| \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} b_i \langle x_i, z' \rangle \right|, (b_i) \in V \right\} \leq \|z'\|$$

and $(x_i) \in \mathcal{L}^p(E_B)$.

In the case $p = 1$, this result has been obtained by Hollstein in [5].

For our study of the AP_p on inductive limits, we shall need the following lemmas:

LEMMA 1: *Let E be a Frechet space and $(x_i) \in \mathcal{L}^{p'}(E)$. The closed absolutely convex cover of the set*

$$K = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^t b_i x_i \mid b_i \in \mathbb{K} \ i=1,2,\dots,t; t \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } \left(\sum_{i=1}^t |b_i|^p \right)^{1/p} \leq 1 \right\},$$

is $\sigma(E, E')$ -compact.

Proof: By the theorems of Krein and Eberlein ([7], pág. 325 and 313), it is enough to see that each sequence

$$z_j = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} b_i^j x_i, \quad b_i^j = 0 \text{ if } i > t_j, \quad j \in \mathbb{N},$$

in K has a $\sigma(E, E')$ -convergent subsequence.

For every $j \in \mathbb{N}$, $(b_i^j)_{i=1}^{\infty}$ belongs to the closed unit ball B of \mathcal{L}^p . Then there is a subsequence (again denoted by (b_i^j)) weakly convergent in \mathcal{L}^p to a sequence $(b_i) \in B$. Since $(x_i) \in \mathcal{L}^{p'}(E)$, it is easy to see that

$$z = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} b_i x_i \in E.$$

Then, given $x' \in E'$, the sequence $(\langle x_i, x' \rangle)_{i=1}^{\infty} \in \mathcal{L}^{p'}$ and hence, $z = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} z_j$ in $\sigma(E, E')$. This completes the proof.

LEMMA 2: *Let E be a reflexive Banach space, F a l.c.s. and $(x_i) \in \mathcal{L}^{p'}(F)$. Let B be the closed unit ball of \mathcal{L}^p . Then, the set*

$$H = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i f_i \otimes x_i \mid \|f_i\| \leq 1 \quad \forall i \in \mathbb{N} \quad \text{and } (a_i) \in B \right\},$$

is contained in $E \hat{\otimes}_{\mathbb{E}_p} F$ and is $\sigma(E \hat{\otimes}_{\mathbb{E}_p} F, (E \hat{\otimes}_{\mathbb{E}_p} F)')$ -relatively compact.

Proof: It is easy to see that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i f_i \otimes x_i, \quad \|f_i\| \leq 1 \quad \forall i \in \mathbb{N}, (a_i) \in B$$

is convergent in $E \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} F$. As this space is complete, it will be also complete for the finer topology $\tau(E \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} F, (E \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} F)')$. By Eberlein's theorem ([7], pag. 313) the lemma will be proved if we show that each sequence

$$z_n = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i^n f_i^n \otimes x_i \quad n \in \mathbb{N},$$

in H has a weakly convergent subnet. Let U be the closed unit ball of E endowed with the induced topology by $\sigma(E, E')$. We consider on B the induced topology by $\sigma(\mathcal{L}^p, \mathcal{L}^{p'})$. Then the topological space

$$X = B \times U \times U \times U \times U \dots$$

endowed with the product topology, is compact. Given the sequence on X

$$w_n = ((a_1^n), f_1^n, f_2^n, \dots, f_j^n, \dots), \quad n \in \mathbb{N},$$

there is a subnet $\{w_{n(d)}, d \in D\}$ such that

$$\lim_{d \in D} (a_i^{n(d)}) = (a_i) \in B \text{ in } \sigma(\mathcal{L}^p, \mathcal{L}^{p'}) \tag{1}$$

and

$$\lim_{d \in D} f_j^{n(d)} = f_j \in U \text{ in } \sigma(E, E') \quad \forall j \in \mathbb{N}. \tag{2}$$

Let us see that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i f_i \otimes x_i = \lim_{d \in D} z_{n(d)}$$

in $\sigma(E \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} F, (E \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} F)')$. Let $\varphi \in (E \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} F)'$. There is $V \in \mathcal{U}(F)$ such that the linear form

$$\langle \bar{\varphi}, \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \otimes K_V(y_i) \rangle = \langle \varphi, \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \otimes y_i \rangle, \quad \forall \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \otimes K_V(y_i) \in E \otimes F_V$$

is well defined and $\bar{\varphi} \in S^{p'}(\hat{F}_V, E')$. As $(\bar{K}_V(x_i)) \in \mathcal{L}^{p'}(\hat{F}_V)$, we have $(\|\bar{\varphi}(\bar{K}_V(x_i))\|) \in \mathcal{L}^{p'}$. Given $\epsilon > 0$, by (1), (2) and the inequalities of Hölder and Minkowski, there are $r \in \mathbb{N}$, $t \in \mathbb{N}$ and $d_0 \in D$ such that if $d \geq d_0$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (a_i^{n(d)} f_i^{n(d)} - a_i f_i) \otimes x_i, \varphi \right\rangle \right| \leq \\ & \leq \left| \sum_{i=1}^r \langle (a_i^{n(d)} - a_i) f_i^{n(d)}, \bar{\varphi}(\bar{K}_V(x_i)) \rangle \right| + \\ & + \left| \sum_{i=r+1}^{\infty} \langle (a_i^{n(d)} - a_i) f_i^{n(d)}, \bar{\varphi}(\bar{K}_V(x_i)) \rangle \right| + \\ & + \left| \sum_{i=1}^t \langle a_i (f_i^{n(d)} - f_i), \bar{\varphi}(\bar{K}_V(x_i)) \rangle \right| + \\ & + \left| \sum_{i=t+1}^{\infty} \langle a_i (f_i^{n(d)} - f_i), \bar{\varphi}(\bar{K}_V(x_i)) \rangle \right| \leq \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

and the proof is complete.

LEMMA 3: Let M be a reflexive Banach space and let $E = \lim_{\rightarrow} E_n$ be an inductive limit of Frechet spaces E_n such that each E_n has the AP_p . Then, for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $E' \otimes M$ is \mathcal{C}_p -dense in $E'_n \otimes M$.

Proof: We fix $n \in \mathbb{N}$. If I is the identity map on M , I' is its dual identity map on M' and I_n is the inclusion of E_n into E , by corollary 3, the canonical map

$$I' \hat{\otimes} I_n: M' \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} E_n \longrightarrow M' \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} E$$

is injective. We define

$$H = \left\{ z \in M' \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} E / \langle z, M \hat{\otimes} E' \rangle = 0 \right\} = (M \otimes E')^\perp \text{ in } M' \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} E,$$

and we consider the canonical quotient map K_H from $M' \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} E$ onto the quotient space $N = (M' \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} E)/H$. Each $K_H(z) \in N$ defines an element φ_z of the algebraic dual $(M \otimes E')^*$ by means of $\langle \varphi_z, u \rangle = \langle z, u \rangle$ for all $u \in M \otimes E'$. By the definition of H , if $K_H(z) = K_H(w)$, we have $\varphi_z = \varphi_w$. Moreover, the map $D: K_H(z) \longrightarrow \varphi_z$ is injective because $\varphi_z = 0$ implies $z \in H$, that is, $K_H(z) = 0$.

Let us see that $J = DK_H(I' \hat{\otimes} I_n)$ is also injective. Let us suppose that $J(z) = 0$. Then $(I' \hat{\otimes} I_n)(z) \in H$ and for every $m \in M$ and every $x' \in E'$ we have

$$0 = \langle (I' \hat{\otimes} I_n)(z), m \otimes x' \rangle = \langle z, (I' \hat{\otimes} I_n)'(m \otimes x') \rangle = \langle z, m \otimes I'_n(x') \rangle (1)$$

Now, given $m \in M, y' \in E'_n$ and

$$w = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} m'_j \otimes e_j \in M' \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} E_n \text{ with } (m'_j) \in \ell^p [M'] \text{ and } (e_j) \in \ell^{p'} (E_n) \quad (2)$$

(see [4]), since $I'_n(E')$ is $\sigma(E'_n, E_n)$ -dense in E'_n (and hence $\tau(E'_n, E_n)$ -dense), by lemma 1, there is a net $\{x'_a, a \in A\}$ in E' such that, given $\epsilon > 0$,

$$\sup \left\{ \left| \left\langle \sum_{j=1}^t b_j e_j, y' - I'_n(x'_a) \right\rangle \right| / b_j \in \mathbb{K} \ j = 1, 2, \dots, t; t \in \mathbb{N}; \right. \\ \left. \left(\sum_{j=1}^t |b_j|^p \right)^{1/p} \leq 1 \right\} \leq \epsilon$$

for every $a \in A$ such that $a \geq a_0$ for some $a_0 \in A$. In this case, for every $h \in \mathbb{N}$, by (2), we have

$$\left| \sum_{j=1}^h \langle m'_j, m \rangle \langle e_j, y' - I'_n(x'_a) \rangle \right| = \left| \sum_{j=1}^h \langle m'_j, m \rangle e_j, y' - I'_n(x'_a) \right| \leq \\ \leq \epsilon \left(1 + \left(\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\langle m'_j, m \rangle|^p \right)^{1/p} \right).$$

This proves that $m \otimes y' = \lim_{a \in A} m \otimes I'_n(x'_a)$ in $\sigma((M' \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} E_n)', M' \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} E_n)$. Then, by (1), $\langle z, M \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} E'_n \rangle = 0$. By theorem 1, $z = 0$ and J is injective.

It is easy to see that J is continuous from $M' \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} E_n$ into $(M \otimes E')^*$ when this space is endowed with the topology $\sigma((M \otimes E')^*, M \otimes E')$. Then, $J'(M \otimes E')$ is $\sigma((M' \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} E_n)', M' \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} E_n)$ -dense in $(M' \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} E_n)'$ and also is $\tau((M' \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} E_n)', M' \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} E_n)$ -dense.

We consider now

$$z = \sum_{r=1}^k x'_r \otimes m_r \in E'_n \otimes M, \quad z^t = \sum_{r=1}^k m_r \otimes x'_r \in M \otimes E'_n,$$

$(x_i) \in \ell^{p'}(E_n)$ and $\epsilon > 0$. By lemma 2, the set

$$P = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i f'_i \otimes x_i / a_i \in \mathbb{K} \ \forall i \in \mathbb{N}; \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |a_i|^p \right)^{1/p} \leq 1; \|f'_i\| \leq 1 \ \forall i \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$$

is $\sigma(M' \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} E_n, (M' \hat{\otimes}_{g_p} E_n)')$ -relatively compact. Then, there are

$$w = \sum_{h=1}^s u'_h \otimes y_h \in E' \otimes M \quad \text{and} \quad w^t = \sum_{h=1}^s y_h \otimes u'_h \in M \otimes E'$$

such that

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{v \in P} |\langle z^t - J'(w^t), v \rangle| &= \sup_{v \in P} |\langle z^t, v \rangle - \langle J(v), w^t \rangle| = \\ &= \sup_{v \in P} |\langle z^t - w^t, v \rangle| \leq \epsilon \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Now, we choose, for every $i \in \mathbb{N}$, an element $\bar{f}_i \in M'$ such that $\|\bar{f}_i\| \leq 1$ and

$$\|(z^t - w^t)(x_i)\| = \langle (z^t - w^t)(x_i), \bar{f}_i \rangle = \langle z^t - w^t, \bar{f}_i \otimes x_i \rangle.$$

Then, by (3)

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \|(z^t - w^t)(x_i)\|^{p'} \right)^{1/p'} &= \sup \left\{ \left| \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i \|(z^t - w^t)(x_i)\| \right| / \right. \\ & \left. / \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |a_i|^p \right)^{1/p} \leq 1 \right\} = \sup \left\{ \left| \langle z^t - w^t, \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i \bar{f}_i \otimes x_i \rangle \right| / \right. \\ & \left. / \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |a_i|^p \right)^{1/p} \leq 1 \right\} \leq \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

and the lemma is proved with help of w.

THEOREM 2: Let $E = \varinjlim E_n$ be a regular inductive limit of Frechet spaces E_n such that every E_n has the AP_p . Then E has the AP_p .

Proof: Given a l.c.s. F , $\varphi \in S^{p'}(E, F)$, $(x_i) \in \ell^{p'}(E)$, $V \in \mathcal{U}(F)$ and $\epsilon > 0$, we must show that there is $w \in E' \otimes F$ such that $P_{(x_i), V}(\varphi - w) \leq \epsilon$.

By proposition 6, there is a bounded set B in E such that $(x_i) \in \ell^{p'}(E_B)$. Since E is regular, there is $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $B \subset E_B \subset E_n$ and B is bounded in E_n . Then $(x_i) \in \ell^{p'}(E_n)$ and the restriction φ_n of φ to E_n belongs to $S^{p'}(E_n, F)$. By proposition A, there are a reflexive Banach space M , a map $A \in S^{p'}(E_n, M)$ and a map $B_0 \in \mathcal{L}(M, \hat{F}_V)$ such that $\bar{K}_V \varphi_n = B_0 A$. Moreover, we can suppose that $\bar{A}(\bar{E}_n) = M$ restricting B_0 to the reflexive Banach space $\bar{A}(\bar{E}_n)$ if necessary.

Let $\|B_0\|$ be the norm of the map B_0 . Since E_n has the AP_p , there is $z \in E'_n \otimes M$ such that

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \|A(x_i) - z(x_i)\|^{p'} \right)^{1/p'} \leq \epsilon/3 (1 + \|B_0\|).$$

By lemma 3, there is

$$t = \sum_{j=1}^k x'_j \otimes m_j \in E' \otimes M$$

such that

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \|z(x_i) - t(x_i)\|^{p'} \right)^{1/p'} \leq \epsilon/3 (1 + \|B_0\|). \quad (1)$$

If we define

$$\eta = 1 + \sum_{j=1}^k \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |\langle x'_j, x_i \rangle|^{p'} \right)^{1/p'}, \quad (2)$$

since $A(E_n)$ is dense in M , we choose $e_j \in E_n, j = 1, 2, \dots, k$, such that

$$\|A(e_j) - m_j\| \leq \epsilon/3 \eta (1 + \|B_0\|) \quad \forall j = 1, 2, \dots, k. \quad (3)$$

Then, if

$$w = \sum_{j=1}^k x'_j \otimes \varphi_n(e_j) \in E' \otimes F,$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} P_{(x_i), V}(\varphi - w) &= P_{(x_i), V}(\bar{K}_V \varphi_n - \bar{K}_V w) = \\ &= \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (p_V(B_0 A)(x_i) - \sum_{j=1}^k \langle x'_j, x_i \rangle B_0 A(e_j)) \right)^{p'} \right)^{1/p'} \leq \\ &\leq \|B_0\| \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \|A(x_i) - \sum_{j=1}^k \langle x'_j, x_i \rangle A(e_j)\|^{p'} \right)^{1/p'} \leq \\ &\leq \|B_0\| \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \|A(x_i) - z(x_i)\|^{p'} \right)^{1/p'} + \|B_0\| \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \|z(x_i) - t(x_i)\|^{p'} \right)^{1/p'} + \\ &\quad + \|B_0\| \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^k \langle x'_j, x_i \rangle (m_j - A(e_j)) \right\|^{p'} \right)^{1/p'} \leq \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

by Minkowski's inequality and (1), (2) and (3). Then, the proof is complete.

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