

# Non-Archimedean GP-Spaces

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## Abstract

We study non-archimedean locally convex spaces in which every limited set is compactoid. In particular, we are interested in spaces of continuous functions.

## 1 Preliminaries

Throughout this paper  $K$  is a non-archimedean valued field that is complete for the metric induced by the non-trivial valuation  $|\cdot|$ . Also,  $E, F$  are Hausdorff locally convex spaces over  $K$ .

A subset  $B$  of  $E$  is called compactoid if for every zero-neighbourhood  $U$  in  $E$  there exists a finite set  $S \subset E$  such that  $B \subset \text{co}S + U$ , where  $\text{co}S$  is the absolutely convex hull of  $S$ .

Obviously every compactoid set is bounded, and spaces in which all the bounded subsets are compactoid have been studied in [5] and [6].

An other interesting subclass of the class of the bounded subsets of  $E$  consists of the limited sets (Definition 2.1). It turns out that every compactoid subset is limited and therefore it is quite natural to study the spaces  $E$  in which every limited set is compactoid. We call them Gelfand-Philips spaces (GP-spaces) following Lindström and Schlumprecht who studied such spaces in the complex case (see [10]).

The non-archimedean situation is however completely different from the classical one (Remark 2.5). In fact, in our case there are "much more" GP-spaces (Theorem 2.8). In particular - and this is the main objective of this paper- we show that most of the interesting non-archimedean functions spaces are GP-spaces.

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For unexplained terms, notations and background we refer to [15] (locally convex spaces), [16] (normed spaces) and [4] (tensor products and nuclearity).

## 2 Limited sets and GP-spaces

**Definition 2.1** (Compare [10])

A bounded subset  $B$  of  $E$  is called *limited* in  $E$ , if every equicontinuous  $\sigma(E', E)$ -null sequence in  $E'$  converges to zero uniformly on  $B$ .

Using the natural identification of the  $\sigma(E', E)$ -null sequences in  $E'$  with the continuous linear maps from  $E$  to  $c_0$  ([2], Lemma 2.2) along with the form of the compactoid subsets of  $c_0$  ([11], Proposition 2.1), we obtain:

**Lemma 2.2** A bounded subset  $B$  of  $E$  is limited in  $E$  if and only if for each continuous linear map  $T$  from  $E$  to  $c_0$ ,  $T(B)$  is compactoid in  $c_0$ .

From this Lemma we easily derive,

**Proposition 2.3** .

- i) Every compactoid subset of  $E$  is limited in  $E$ .
- ii) If  $B$  is limited in  $E$  and  $T \in L(E, F)$ , then  $T(B)$  is limited in  $F$  (where  $L(E, F)$  denotes the vector space of all continuous linear maps from  $E$  to  $F$ ).
- iii) If  $B$  is limited in  $E$  and  $D \subset B$ , then  $D$  is limited in  $E$ .
- iv) Let  $M$  be a subspace of  $E$  and  $B \subset M$ . If  $B$  is limited in  $M$  then  $B$  is limited in  $E$ . The converse is also true when  $M$  is complemented or dense in  $E$  (For an example showing that the converse is not true in general, see Remark 2.9) .

It follows from Lemma 2.2 that if every continuous linear map from  $E$  to  $c_0$  is compact, then every bounded subset of  $E$  is limited. In particular, if the valuation on  $K$  is dense, we have

**Corollary 2.4** If the valuation on  $K$  is dense then the unit ball of  $l^\infty$  is limited (non-compactoid) in  $l^\infty$ .

**Remark 2.5** Corollary 2.4 shows that, for densely valued fields, the behaviour of limited sets in non-archimedean analysis is in sharp contrast with the one in locally convex spaces over the real or complex field. For this difference compare e.g. [1], Proposition, property 6, [8], Theorem 1 and [9], Proposition 1) with our results.

We'll see in Theorem 2.8.iii) that this difference is even more striking when the valuation on  $K$  is discrete.

**Definition 2.6** Compare [10])

A locally convex space  $E$  is called a Gelfand-Philips space (GP-space in short) if every limited set in  $E$  is compactoid.

The following is easily seen:

**Proposition 2.7 .**

- i) A subspace of a GP-space is a GP-space.
- ii) The product of a family of GP-spaces is a GP-space.

**Theorem 2.8 .**

- i) Every locally convex space  $E$  of countable type is a GP-space.
- ii) Every Banach space  $E$  with a base is a GP-space.
- iii) If the valuation on  $K$  is discrete then every locally convex space over  $K$  is a GP-space.

PROOF

i) From Lemma 2.2 it follows that  $c_0$  (and hence every normed space of countable type) is a GP-space. Then use the fact that  $E$  can be considered as a subspace of  $\prod_{p \in \mathcal{P}} E_p$ , where  $\mathcal{P}$  is a family of seminorms determining the topology of  $E$  and for each  $p \in \mathcal{P}$ ,  $E_p$  is the normed space  $E/\ker p$ . Now all the  $E_p$  are of countable type. Then apply Proposition 2.7

ii) Let  $A \subset E$  be limited. We can assume that  $A$  is absolutely convex. It suffices to prove that every countable subset  $B$  of  $A$  is compactoid. Let  $[B]$  stand for the closed linear hull of  $B$ . Then ([16] Corollary 3.18)  $[B]$  is complemented in  $E$  and so, by Proposition 2.3.iv) we have that  $B$  is limited in  $[B]$ . By i)  $B$  is compactoid in  $[B]$  and hence in  $E$ .

iii) Again use the fact that  $E \subset \prod_{p \in \mathcal{P}} E_p$  where now each of the spaces  $E_p$  has a base ([16], Theorem 5.16). Then apply ii) and Proposition 2.7

**Remark 2.9** Property iv) of Proposition 2.3 is not true in general. For example, let the valuation on  $K$  be dense, take  $E = l^\infty$ ,  $M = c_0$  and  $B$  the unit ball in  $c_0$ . Then, apply 2.4, 2.3.i) and 2.8.i).

### 3 Spaces of continuous functions

Let  $X$  be a Hausdorff zero-dimensional topological space. We consider the following  $K$ -valued function spaces:

$PC(X)$ : The space of all continuous functions  $f : X \rightarrow K$  for which  $f(X)$  is precompact, endowed with the topology  $\tau_u$  of uniform convergence.

$C(X)$ : The space of all continuous functions  $X \rightarrow K$  endowed with the compact open topology  $\tau_c$ .

$BC(X)$ : The space of all bounded continuous functions  $X \rightarrow K$ , endowed with the uniform topology  $\tau_u$  or with the strict topology  $\tau_\beta$ . This last one is the topology generated by the seminorms  $p_\phi(f) = \sup_{x \in X} | \phi(x) \cdot (f(x)) |$ , where  $\phi : X \rightarrow K$  is a bounded function vanishing at infinity.

Since  $PC(X)$  is a Banach space with a base ([16] Theorem 3.4) we obtain immediately from 2.8.ii),

**Theorem 3.1**  $PC(X)$  is a GP-space.

We now tackle the GP-property for  $C(X)$  and  $BC(X)$ .

**Lemma 3.2** *Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a compact subset of  $X$ . Then, for every clopen set  $G$  in  $\mathcal{K}$  there exists a clopen set  $U_G$  in  $X$  such that  $G = U_G \cap \mathcal{K}$ .*

PROOF

Let  $\tau_X$  be the original topology on  $X$  and  $\tau_{\mathcal{K}}$  the trace of  $\tau_X$  on  $\mathcal{K}$ .

Let  $G \subset \mathcal{K}$  be  $\tau_{\mathcal{K}}$ -clopen. Clearly, there exists  $U \subset X$ ,  $\tau_X$ -open, such that  $G = \mathcal{K} \cap U$ . Also, for each  $a \in G \subset U$ , there exists a  $\tau_X$ -clopen set  $W_a$  in  $X$  with  $a \in W_a \subset U$ . Then use a compactness argument.

**Theorem 3.3** (Compare [12], Theorem 3.3) *For a set  $\mathcal{F} \subset C(X)$ , the following properties are equivalent:*

- i)  $\mathcal{F}$  is compactoid in  $C(X)$ .*
- ii) For every compact set  $\mathcal{K} \subset X$  the set  $\mathcal{F} | \mathcal{K}$  is compactoid in  $C(\mathcal{K})$  (where  $\mathcal{F} | \mathcal{K}$  is the set of the restrictions  $f | \mathcal{K}$  of  $f$  to  $\mathcal{K}$  with  $f \in \mathcal{F}$ ).*

PROOF

*i)  $\Rightarrow$  ii):* This follows directly from the fact that, for each compact set  $\mathcal{K} \subset X$ , the restriction map

$$C(X) \longrightarrow C(\mathcal{K}) : f \longrightarrow f | \mathcal{K}$$

is linear and continuous.

*ii)  $\Rightarrow$  i):* Let  $U$  be a zero-neighbourhood in  $C(X)$ . We can assume that  $U$  has the form

$$U = \{f \in C(X) : \sup_{x \in X} |f(x)| \leq \epsilon\}, \quad \epsilon > 0, \quad \mathcal{K} \text{ compact subset of } X.$$

We have to find  $f_1, \dots, f_r \in C(X)$  such that

$$\mathcal{F} \subset \text{co}\{f_1, \dots, f_r\} + U. \quad (1)$$

Put  $U_{\mathcal{K}} = \{g \in C(\mathcal{K}) : \sup_{x \in \mathcal{K}} |g(x)| \leq \epsilon\}$ . Then, since  $\mathcal{F} | \mathcal{K}$  is compactoid in  $C(\mathcal{K})$ , there exist  $g_1, \dots, g_r \in C(\mathcal{K})$  such that

$$\mathcal{F} | \mathcal{K} \subset \text{co}(g_1, \dots, g_r) + U_{\mathcal{K}}. \quad (2)$$

Fix  $m \in \{1, \dots, r\}$  and put  $V = \{e \in K : |e| \leq \epsilon\}$ . Since  $g_m(\mathcal{K})$  is compact in  $K$ , there are  $e_m^1, \dots, e_m^s \in K$  such that the sets  $e_m^1 + V, \dots, e_m^s + V$  are disjoint and

$$g_m(\mathcal{K}) \subset (e_m^1 + V) \cup \dots \cup (e_m^s + V).$$

Then  $\{\mathcal{K}_m^1, \dots, \mathcal{K}_m^s\}$ , where  $\mathcal{K}_m^i = \{x \in \mathcal{K} : g_m(x) \in e_m^i + V\}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, s$ ), constitutes a partition of  $\mathcal{K}$  consisting of  $\tau_{\mathcal{K}}$ -clopen subsets of  $\mathcal{K}$ . Hence, for each  $m \in \{1, \dots, r\}$  the locally constant function  $g'_m : \mathcal{K} \longrightarrow K$  defined by  $g'_m(x) = e_m^i$  for  $x \in \mathcal{K}_m^i$  is continuous and it has the property  $\sup_{x \in \mathcal{K}} |g_m(x) - g'_m(x)| \leq \epsilon$ . So (2) can be changed into

$$\mathcal{F} | \mathcal{K} \subset \text{co}(g'_1, \dots, g'_r) + U_{\mathcal{K}}.$$

By lemma 3.2, each of the functions  $g'_m$  has a locally constant continuous extension  $f_m : X \longrightarrow K$  ( $m = 1, \dots, r$ ). Then,  $f_1, \dots, f_r$  satisfy (1) and we are done.

**Corollary 3.4**  $C(X)$  is a GP-space.

PROOF

Let  $\mathcal{F} \subset C(X)$  be a limited set. Then (Proposition 2.3.ii)) for each compact set  $\mathcal{K} \subset X$ ,  $\mathcal{F} \upharpoonright \mathcal{K}$  is limited in  $C(\mathcal{K})$  and hence compactoid in  $C(\mathcal{K})$  (Theorem 3.1). Now apply Theorem 3.3.

**Corollary 3.5**  $BC(X), \tau_\beta$  is a GP-space .

PROOF

Let  $\mathcal{F} \subset BC(X)$  be a  $\tau_\beta$ -limited set. Since  $\tau_\beta$  is finer than  $\tau_c$  ([7], Proposition 2.10) we obtain from Proposition 2.3.ii) that  $\mathcal{F}$  is  $\tau_c$ -limited in  $BC(X)$ . By Proposition 2.7.i) and Corollary 3.4 we have that  $\mathcal{F}$  is compactoid in  $BC(X), \tau_c$ . Now apply Corollary 2.9.a) and Proposition 2.11 of [7].

The picture changes completely when we endow  $BC(X)$  with the uniform topology  $\tau_u$ . We have:

**Theorem 3.6** *If the valuation on  $K$  is dense (Compare 2.8.iii)), then  $BC(X), \tau_u$  is a GP-space if and only if  $X$  is pseudocompact.*

PROOF

If  $X$  is pseudocompact one verifies that  $BC(X) = PC(X)$ . Then apply Theorem 3.1.

If  $X$  is not pseudocompact, then  $BC(X), \tau_u$  contains a subspace which is linearly homeomorphic to  $l^\infty$  (see [14], proof of Corollary 2.7). Then apply Proposition 2.7.i) and Corollary 2.4.

In [4] (resp. [3]) the nuclearity of the locally convex space  $C(X), \tau_c$  (resp.  $BC(X), \tau_\beta$ ) is characterized. Combining those results with Corollaries 3.4 and 3.5 we obtain:

**Theorem 3.7** *The following are equivalent:*

- i)  $C(X), \tau_c$  is nuclear.
- ii)  $BC(X), \tau_\beta$  is nuclear.
- iii) Every  $\tau_c$ -bounded subset of  $C(X)$  is limited.
- iv) Every  $\tau_\beta$ -bounded subset of  $BC(X)$  is limited.

We now consider the case where the continuous functions have their values in a polar complete locally convex Hausdorff space  $E$ . We define the function spaces  $PC(X, E), \tau_u$ ;  $C(X, E), \tau_c$ ;  $BC(X; E), \tau_u$  and  $BC(X, E), \tau_\beta$  in the canonical way and we then have:

**Theorem 3.8** .

- i)  $PC(X, E)$  is a GP-space if and only if  $E$  is a GP-space.
- ii)  $C(X, E)$  is a GP-space if and only if  $E$  is a GP-space.
- iii)  $BC(X, E), \tau_\beta$  is a GP-space if and only if  $E$  is a GP-space.
- iv) If the valuation on  $K$  is dense, then  $BC(X, E), \tau_u$  is a GP-space if and only if  $X$  is pseudocompact and  $E$  is a GP-space.

PROOF

The proof of ii), iii), iv) is essentially the same as in the  $\mathbf{K}$ -valued case.

For the proof of i) one needs [13] Theorem 1.3 and the following result.

**Theorem 3.9** *Let  $E$  and  $F$  be complete, polar, locally convex Hausdorff spaces. Then  $E \hat{\otimes} F$ , the completion of the tensor product for its canonical topology, is a GP-space if and only if  $E$  and  $F$  are GP-spaces.*

PROOF

The consecutive steps are:

i) If  $E$  is quasicomplete, then  $(E'_c)' = E$ , where  $E'_c$  is the dual  $E'$  of  $E$  endowed with the topology  $\tau_{cp}$  of uniform convergence on the compactoid subsets of  $E$ .

ii) If  $E$  is quasicomplete. Let  $H \subset L(E'_c, F)$  be such that  $H(U^\circ)$  is compactoid in  $F$  for all zero-neighbourhoods  $U$  in  $E$  and  $H^*(V^\circ)$  is compactoid in  $E$  for all zero-neighbourhoods  $V$  in  $F$ . Then,  $H$  is compactoid in  $L_\epsilon(E'_c, F)$ , where the  $\epsilon$  means that we consider on  $L(E'_c, F)$  the topology of uniform convergence on the equicontinuous subsets of  $E'$ .

iii) If  $E$  and  $F$  are GP-spaces,  $E$  quasicomplete, then  $L_\epsilon(E'_c, F)$  is also a GP-space. (As a consequence,  $E \otimes F$  is a GP-space if and only if  $E$  and  $F$  are GP-spaces).

iv) If  $E$  and  $F$  are complete, then so is  $L_\epsilon(E'_c, F)$ . The Theorem is then a direct consequence of this result.

The proofs of ii) and iii) are similar to the archimedean case (see [10]) and are therefore omitted. The proof of iv) is standard. So let us prove i):

Since  $E$  is quasicomplete and by [15], Theorem 5.12, it follows that  $\tau_{cp}$  is the topology of uniform convergence on the sets  $A \subset E$  which are absolutely convex, compactoid, edged and  $\sigma(E, E')$ -complete. Since the family of these sets form a special covering of  $E$  (see [15], Definition 7.3), the conclusion follows from [15], Proposition 7.4.

Note that i) is not true in general.

Indeed, take  $E = c_{oo}$  and let  $x_1, x_2, \dots$  be a non-convergent Cauchy sequence in  $E$ . Then, the map  $T : E' \rightarrow K : f \rightarrow \lim_n f(x_n)$  is an element of  $(E'_c)'$ . But  $T$  cannot be represented by an element of  $E$ .

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