# VECTOR LATTICES AND SEQUENCE SPACES<sup>1</sup>

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### 1. Introduction

In [6], Peressini and Sherbert study Köthe sequence spaces and mappings between these spaces with special emphasis on their order properties. Variations of these results appear in [5]. The purpose of this paper is to extend some of these results. Among other things, it will be shown by using techniques involving the Dedekind completion of a vector lattice, that condition "E is Dedekind complete" can be replaced by "E is Archimedean" in several places.

Let *E* be a vector lattice. We say the net  $\{x_{\alpha}\}$  order converges to *x* in *E* (we write  $x_{\alpha} \rightarrow^{\circ} x$ ) if there exists a net  $\{y_{\alpha}\} \subset E$  such that  $|x_{\alpha} - x| \leq y_{\alpha}$ and  $y_{\alpha} \downarrow 0$  (i.e.,  $\{y_{\alpha}\}$  is down-directed and  $\inf(y_{\alpha}) = 0$ ). As in [6], we note the following significant restrictions which may be put on *E*.

(A) If A is a subset of E that has a supremum, then there is a countable subset A' of A such that  $\sup A' = \sup A$ . (We say that E is order separable.)

(B) If  $\{y_{n, m}\}$  is a sequence in E that order converges to  $y_n$  in E (for each  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ,) and if  $\{y_n\}$  order converges to  $y_0$  there is an increasing sequence  $\{m_n : n = 1, 2, \dots,\}$  of positive integers such that  $\{y_{n, m_n}\}$  order converges to  $y_0$ . (We say E has the *diagonal property*. Note that we use the definition in [5] rather than [6].)

(C) If  $\{A_n\}$  is a sequence of non-majorized subsets of E, there exist finite subsets  $A'_n$  of  $A_n$   $(n = 1, 2, \dots)$  such that

 $\{\sup A'_n : n = 1, 2, \cdots\}$ 

is not a majorized set. (We say that E is finitely unbounded.)

### 2. The Dedekind completion

Let E be an Archimedean vector lattice throughout this section. Nakano has shown [3] that a necessary and sufficient condition that E be Archimedean is that it possess a Dedekind completion (or cut completion) i.e., that there exist a complete vector lattice  $\hat{E}$  such that:

(D1) E is embedded as a subvector lattice in  $\hat{E}$ ,

(D2) for each  $u \in \hat{E}$ ,

 $u = \sup \{x : x \in E, x \leq u\} = \inf \{y : y \in E, y \geq u\}$ 

In [1], it is shown that (D2) can be replaced by

(D2') For  $0 < u \in \hat{E}$ , there are x, y in E such that  $0 < x \leq u < y$ .

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As defined by either set of two conditions,  $\hat{E}$  is unique up to isomorphism. It is also shown in the reference just cited, that if E is a subvector lattice of a complete vector lattice F, D is the ideal in F generated by E, and  $0 < u \in D$  implies the existence of  $x \in E$  such that  $0 < x \leq u$ , then D is the Dedekind completion of E.

What will be shown in this section is that E inherits some properties from  $\hat{E}$  and vice-versa. These facts will then be used to obtain results about vector lattices (in particular sequence spaces) free of the hypothesis that E be Dede-kind complete.

We first note that if  $\hat{E}$  is order separable, then E is clearly order separable.

Luxemburg and Zaanen prove [2, Theorem 11.5] that an Archimedean vector lattice L is order separable if and only if every non-empty subset D which is bounded above has a countable subset possessing the same set of upper bounds as D. We use this fact to show that  $\hat{L}$  is order separable if L is.

Let  $u \in \hat{L}$ ,  $u = \sup V$  where V is a subset of  $\hat{L}$ . For each  $v \in V$ , let

$$A_v = \{a \in L : a \leq v\}.$$

Then  $A = \bigcup\{A_v : v \in V\}$  is a subset of L and  $\sup A = u$ . But, this implies that u is the smallest of the  $\hat{E}$ -upper bounds of A, hence  $u \leq b$  where b is any upper bound of A in E. By definition of the Dedekind Completion, then,  $u = \inf B$  (in  $\hat{E}$ ) where B is the set of upper bounds of A which lie in E. The result mentioned above [2, Theorem 11.5] gives us a sequence  $\{a_n\} \subset A$  which has B as its set of E-upper bounds. Hence  $u = \sup\{a_n\}$ (in  $\hat{E}$ ). But for each n, there is  $v_n \in V$  for which  $a_n \leq v_n$ .  $\{v_n\}$  is a countable subset of V and  $\sup\{v_n\} = u$ .  $\hat{L}$  is thus order separable. We have shown

*Remark.* L is order separable if and only if  $\hat{L}$  is order separable.

The following will be useful for our further discussion.

LEMMA 2.1. Let E be an Archimedean order separable vector lattice. Then, if  $\{v_n\} \subset \hat{E}$  and  $v_n \downarrow 0$ , there is a sequence  $\{x_n\} \subset E$  such that  $x_n \downarrow 0$  and  $v_n \leq x_n$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \cdots$ .

Proof. Assume  $\{v_n\} \subset \hat{E}$  and  $v_n \downarrow 0$ . Let  $A_n = \{x \in X : x \ge v_n\}$ . Then  $A = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n$  is directed downward and  $\inf(A) = 0$ . Since E is order separable, there exists  $\{y_k\} \subset A$  such that  $\inf(y_k) = 0$  and  $y_k \ge y_{k+1}$ ,  $k = 0, 1, 2, \cdots$ . By definition of A, there is a subsequence of the integers  $1 = n_0 < n_1 < n_2 < n_3 \cdots$  such that  $v_{n_k} \le y_k$ ,  $k = 0, 1, 2, \cdots$ . Now, choose  $x_1 > v_1$ , and let  $x_m = y_k$  for  $n_k \le m \le n_{k+1} - 1$ . Then,  $v_m \le v_{n_k} \le y_k = x_m$ . Since  $y_k \downarrow 0$ , it is clear that  $x_n \downarrow 0$  and  $v_n \le x_n$  for each  $n = 1, 2, \cdots$ .

**PROPOSITION 2.2.** Let *E* be an Archimedean order separable vector lattice. Given  $\{x_n\} \subset E$ , then  $x_n \to 0$  (in *E*) if and only if  $x_n \to 0$  (in  $\hat{E}$ ).

*Proof.* Clearly,  $x_n \rightarrow 0$  (in E) implies  $x_n \rightarrow 0$  (in  $\hat{E}$ ). The converse is a direct application of 2.1.

**PROPOSITION 2.3.** Let E be an Archimedean order separable vector lattice. Then, E has the diagonal property if and only if  $\hat{E}$  does.

*Proof.* The necessity is a routine application of 2.1.

Suppose now that E has the diagonal property. Let  $v_n \to^{\circ} v_0$ , and  $v_{n,k} \to^{\circ} v_n$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots, \dots$  where  $v_n$ ,  $v_0$  and  $v_{n,k}$  are in  $\hat{E}$ .

By using 2.1 again, there are sequences  $\{x_n\} \subset E$  and  $\{x_{n,k}\} \subset E$ ,  $(n = 1, 2, \dots, k = 1, 2, \dots)$  such that

$$|v_0 - v_n| \leq x_n$$
,  $|v_n - v_{n,k}| \leq x_{n,k}$ 

and  $x_n \downarrow 0, x_{n,k} \downarrow 0$  as  $k \to \infty$  for each  $n = 1, 2, \cdots$ . Let  $y_{n,k} = \sup (x_{n,k}, x_n)$ ; then  $y_n, \rightarrow^{\circ} x_n$  and  $x_n \rightarrow^{\circ} 0$  (since  $\inf_k (\sup (x_{n,k}, x_n)) = x_n$ ). Since *E* has the diagonal property, there is for each *n* an integer k(n) such that  $y_{n,k(n)} \rightarrow^{\circ} 0$ . So, there exists  $\{w_n\} \subset E, w_n \downarrow 0$  and  $y_{n,k(n)} \leq w_n$ . But then,

$$|v_0 - v_{n,k(n)}| \leq |v_0 - v_n| + |v_n - v_{n,k(n)}| \leq x_n + y_{n,k(n)} \leq x_n + w_n$$

and since  $(x_n + w_n) \downarrow 0$ , we have  $v_{n,k(n)} \rightarrow^{\circ} v_n$ .

The next result concerns property (C) in the introduction.

**PROPOSITION 2.4.** Let E be an Archimedean vector lattice. Then E is finitely unbounded if and only if  $\hat{E}$  is finitely unbounded.

*Proof.* If  $\hat{E}$  is finitely unbounded it follows from the definition that E inherits the property.

Suppose now that E is finitely unbounded. Let  $U_n \subset \hat{E}$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , form a sequence of non-majorized sets in  $\hat{E}$ . Let

 $\widetilde{A}_n = \{ v \in \widehat{E} : |v| \leq u, \text{ some } u \in U_n \} \text{ and } A_n = \widetilde{A}_n \cap E.$ 

Then, the sequence  $\{A_n\}$  of subsets of E is not majorized in E. So, there exists for each n, a finite set  $A'_n \subset A_n$  such that  $\{\sup A'_n\}$  is not majorized in E. Let

 $A'_n = \{a_n^{(k)} : k = 1, 2, \cdots, p(n)\}.$ 

Then there is  $u_n^{(k)} \in U_n$  such that  $a_n^{(k)} \leq u_n^{(k)}$ . So, letting

$$U'_n = \{u_n^{(k)} : k = 1, \dots, p(n)\},\$$

 $U'_n$  is a finite subset of  $U_n$  for each n and  $\{\sup U'_n\}$  is not a majorized set in  $\hat{E}$ .

With this result, it is possible to remove the hypothesis of completeness in Kantorovich's characterization of a bounded set in a finitely unbounded vector lattice.

PROPOSITION 2.5. Let E be a finitely unbounded Archimedean vector lattice. Then,  $B \subset E$  is an order bounded set if and only if for each sequence  $\{x_n\}$  in B and for any sequence  $\{\alpha_n\}$  of scalars decreasing to zero,  $\alpha_n x_n \rightarrow 0$ . (We call this latter condition "property \*".) *Proof.* If B is an order-bounded set, property \* is easily shown to hold.

Suppose  $B \subset E$  and B has property \*. Let  $\hat{B}$  be the solid hull of B in  $\hat{E}$ . If  $\{u_n\}$  is a sequence in  $\hat{B}$ , then for each n, there is an  $x_n \in B$  such that  $|u_n| \leq |x_n|$ . If  $\{\alpha_n\}$  is a sequence of scalars and  $\alpha_n \downarrow 0$ , then  $\alpha_n x_n \to 0$ , i.e., there is a sequence  $\{y_n\} \subset E$  such that  $y_n \downarrow 0$  and  $|\alpha_n x_n| \leq y_n$ . But  $|\alpha_n u_n| \leq |\alpha_n x_n|$  shows that  $\alpha_n u_n \to 0$ . By 2.4,  $\hat{E}$  is finitely unbounded and Kantorovich's result implies that  $\hat{B}$  is order bounded in  $\hat{E}$ , so B is order bounded in  $\hat{E}$ .

We give an example to show that "order-separable" cannot be removed from the hypotheses of the first three propositions in Section 2.

*Example* 1. Let  $\mathfrak{B}(X)$  be the Dedekind complete vector lattice of all bounded functions on the uncountable set X, with the usual operations defined. Let  $\mathfrak{F}(X)$  be the subvector lattice of functions which assume a single value on all but a finite number of points in X. By checking conditions (D1) and (D2') it is easily shown that  $\mathfrak{B}(X)$  is the Dedekind completion of  $\mathfrak{F}(X)$ . Since  $\mathfrak{B}(X)$  is easily seen to be not order separable,  $\mathfrak{F}(X)$  is not order separable by the remark before 2.1.

(a) Let  $X_1 = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots\}$  be a countable subset of X. Define a sequence  $\langle v_n \rangle$  in  $\mathfrak{B}(X)$  as follows:

$$v_n(x) = 1$$
 if  $x = x_k$ ,  $k \ge n$ ,  
= 0 otherwise.

 $\langle v_n \rangle$  decreases and  $\inf_n (v_n) = 0$ , hence  $v_n \downarrow 0$ . But if  $\langle f_n \rangle$  is any sequence in  $\mathfrak{F}(X)$  such that  $v_n \leq f_n$ , then each  $f_n$  assumes a constant value  $\geq 1$  on all but a finite subset of X. It is then *not* possible to have  $f_n \downarrow 0$ . This shows that Lemma 2.1 is false if "order-separable" is removed.

(b) Let  $\langle g_n \rangle$  be a sequence in  $\mathfrak{F}(x)$  defined as follows:

$$g_n(x) = 1$$
 if  $x = x_n$ ,  
= 0 otherwise.

Then  $0 \leq g_n \leq v_n$ , where  $v_n$  is defined as in (a) above. It follows then that  $g_n \to^{\circ} 0$  in  $\mathfrak{B}(X)$ . If, however,  $\langle f_n \rangle$  is any sequence in  $\mathfrak{F}(X)$  such that  $0 \leq g_n \leq f_n$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \cdots$  and  $f_n \downarrow$ , each  $f_n$  would have to take on values larger than or equal to 1 on an infinite set. As in the previous example, it would then be impossible to have  $\inf_n (f_n) = 0$ . So,  $g_n \to^{\circ} 0$  in  $\mathfrak{F}(X)$  could not hold. This shows that Proposition 2.2 does not hold when "order-separable" is removed.

(c) Let  $\{f_n\} \subset \mathfrak{F}(X)$  be any sequence such that  $f_n \downarrow 0$ . Then, given any  $\alpha > 0$ , there is a positive integer  $n_0$  such that  $f_{n_0}(x) < \alpha$  for all x except possibly a finite set. If not,  $f_n(x) \ge \alpha$  for each n on some co-finite set. But

then, there is an uncountable set  $X_0 \subset X$  such that  $f_n(x) \geq \alpha$  for all  $x \in X_0$ and all  $n = 1, 2, 3, \cdots$  contradicting  $f_n \downarrow 0$ . Having such an  $n_0$ , there exists  $n_1 > n_0$  such that  $f_{n_1}(x) < \alpha$  for all x, again since  $f_n \downarrow 0$ .

We make  $\mathfrak{F}(X)$  into a normed space by putting

$$|| f || = \sup \{ | f(x) | : x \in X \}.$$

It follows from the above paragraph that if  $g_n \to^{\circ} g$  in  $\mathfrak{F}(X)$ , then  $||g_n - g|| \to 0$ . For,  $g_n \to^{\circ} g$  implies there is  $\{f_n\} \subset \mathfrak{F}(X)$  such that  $|g_n - g| \leq f_n$  and  $f_n \downarrow 0$ . We have shown above that the latter implies that  $||f_n|| \downarrow 0$ , hence  $||g_n - g|| \to 0$ . Since the function  $e(X) \equiv 1$  is in  $\mathfrak{F}(X)$ , norm convergence clearly implies order convergence. We conclude, then, that norm convergence defined by the norm is diagonalizable, order convergence must be also. Hence  $\mathfrak{F}(X)$  has the diagonal property.  $\mathfrak{F}(X)$ , however does not have the diagonal property as the following argument shows. Let  $X_0 = \{x_1, x_2, \cdots\}$  be a sequence of distinct elements in X. Consider the elements  $h_{n,m}$  in  $\mathfrak{B}(X)$ , given by

$$h_{n,m}(x) = n$$
 if  $x = x_i$ ,  $i > m$ ,  
= 0 otherwise

Then  $h_{n,m} \rightarrow^{\circ} 0$  in  $\mathfrak{B}(X)$  for each *n*, however, for each sequence

$$\{m_n : n = 1, 2, \cdots\}$$

the sequence  $\{h_{n,m_n}\}$  is unbounded in the order sense.

We conclude this section with an example of a vector lattice which is order separable, has the diagonal property, is finitely unbounded but is not Dedekind complete.

*Example* 2. Let k be any natural number. Define  $l^{1}(k)$  to be the set of all sequences of real numbers which are coordinatewise products of two sequences defined as follows:

$$c_i = a_i b_i$$

where  $\langle a_i \rangle$  is a periodic sequence of period k,  $\langle b_i \rangle$  is a sequence in  $l^1$  composed of constant blocks of length k, i.e.,

$$b_{mk+1} = b_{mk+2} = \cdots = b_{m(k+1)}$$
, each  $m = 0, 1, 2, \cdots$ .

 $l^{1}(k)$  is a vector lattice with the above stated properties. Indeed, its Dedekind completion is  $l^{1}$  as is readily verified. Verification that it has the stated properties reduces to noting that  $l^{1}$  does and then using the results of this section relating  $l^{1}(k)$  to  $l^{1}(k) = l^{1}$ .

## 3. Topological vector lattices

Let *E* be a vector lattice. A subset *B* of *E* is said to be *solid* if  $y \in B$  whenever  $x \in B$  and  $|y| \leq |x|$ . Suppose that *E* is also a topological vector space.

Then E is called a *topological vector lattice* if the topology has a neighborhood base at zero consisting of solid sets. If in addition the topology is locally convex we will call E a *locally convex lattice*.

Let  $\mathfrak{T}$  be a locally convex topology on E where E is an Archimedean vector lattice. Let  $\nu$  be a base of neighborhoods of zero for  $\mathfrak{T}$ . For each  $V \epsilon \nu$ , define  $\hat{V}$  as the solid hull of V in  $\hat{E}$ . Denote by  $\rho$  the collection of all  $\hat{V}$  for  $V \epsilon \nu$ . Routine verification shows that  $\rho$  is a base of neighborhoods at zero for a locally convex topology on  $\hat{E}$ . Moreover, a base of solid neighborhoods at zero for E clearly generates a base of solid neighborhoods of 0 for  $\hat{E}$ . Hence if E is a locally convex lattice under  $\mathfrak{T}$ , then  $\hat{E}$  is a locally convex lattice under  $\mathfrak{T}$ . Examples show that a Hausdorff locally convex topology on E need not generate one such on  $\hat{E}$ . However, if E is locally convex lattice, the "solidity" of the neighborhood base generates a Hausdorff topology on  $\hat{E}$ . There are many interesting questions concerning the relationship of  $(E, \mathfrak{T})$  to  $(\hat{E}, \mathfrak{T})$ but we will not attempt such a study here. We rather state one theorem in this connection which will be of value to us.

PROPOSITION P [5, 1.21, p. 155]. Suppose that  $(E, \mathfrak{T})$  is a locally convex lattice with the property that  $\{x_{\alpha} : \alpha \in I\}$  converges to 0 for  $\mathfrak{T}$  whenever  $\{x_{\alpha}\} \downarrow 0$ . Then, there is a locally convex topology  $\mathfrak{T}$  on the cut-completion  $\hat{E}$  of E such that  $\mathfrak{T}$  induces  $\mathfrak{T}$  on E,  $(E, \mathfrak{T})$  is dense in  $(\hat{E}, \mathfrak{T})$  and  $(\hat{E}, \mathfrak{T})$  is a locally convex lattice.

(*Note.* The topology  $\mathfrak{T}$  in [5] is described by a family  $\{\hat{P}_{\beta} : \beta \in B\}$  derived from the family  $\{P_{\beta} : \beta \in B\}$  of seminorms which describe the topology  $\mathfrak{T}$  on E. If we let  $V_{\beta} = \{x \in E : P_{\beta}(x) < 1\}$ , then under the hypotheses of this proposition,  $\hat{V}_{\beta} = \{u \in E : \hat{P}_{\beta}(u) < 1\}$ . The topology  $\mathfrak{T}$  described here then, coincides with our previous definition of the naturally generated topology on  $\hat{E}$ .)

*Remark.* It is also readily shown that if  $(E, \mathfrak{T})$  is a metrizable space,  $(\hat{E}, \hat{\mathfrak{T}})$  is also a metrizable space. Moreover, in Proposition P, we can replace the hypothesis " $\{x_{\alpha}\} \downarrow 0$  implies  $\{x_{\alpha}\}$  T-converges to zero" by the following property which will be of use to us later, when E is order separable.

 $(\mathbf{P}^*) \quad \{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \downarrow 0 \text{ implies that the sequence } \{x_n\} \mathfrak{T}\text{-converges to } 0 \text{ as } n \to \infty.$ 

The following is a slight generalization of the property "boundedly ordercomplete" in [5] and seems more natural in arbitrary (not necessarily Dedekind complete) vector lattices.

**DEFINITION.**  $(E, \mathfrak{T})$  is monotone bounded if every topologically bounded monotone increasing net is order bounded above.

The next result gives the precise relationship between the two properties.

**PROPOSITION 3.1.** If  $(E, \mathfrak{T})$  is a monotone bounded locally convex lattice, then  $(\hat{E}, \mathfrak{T})$  is boundedly order complete.

*Proof.* Let  $\{u_{\alpha} : \alpha \in \mathfrak{A}\}$  be a net in  $\widehat{E}$  which is topologically bounded and  $u_{\alpha} \uparrow$ . We assume without loss of generality that  $u_{\alpha} \geq 0$ , for each  $\alpha \in \mathfrak{A}$ . For each  $\alpha$ , choose a net  $\{x_{\alpha,\beta} : \beta \in B_{\alpha}\} \subset E^+$  so that  $x_{\alpha,\beta} \uparrow u_{\alpha}$ . Let  $\{y_{\gamma}\}$  be the net of finite suprema of the set

$$\{x_{\alpha,\beta}: \alpha \in \mathfrak{A}, \beta \in B_{\alpha}\}.$$

Then  $y_{\gamma} \uparrow$  and for each  $\gamma$  there exists  $\alpha$  such that  $y_{\gamma} \leq u_{\alpha}$ . Hence  $\{y_{\gamma}\}$  is topologically bounded. (For any solid neighborhood V of 0 in  $(E, \mathfrak{T})$  there is a positive scalar t such that  $u_{\alpha} \epsilon t \hat{V}$  for all  $\alpha$ . But then  $y_{\gamma} \epsilon t V$  for all  $\gamma$ .) It follows then that  $\{y_{\gamma}\}$  is order bounded in E from above by some  $z \epsilon E$ . Hence  $\{u_{\alpha}\}$  is also bounded by z in  $\hat{E}$ . So  $\sup\{u_{\alpha}\}$  exists in  $\hat{E}$ .

**PROPOSITION 3.2.** If  $(E, \mathfrak{T} \text{ is an order separable locally convex lattice with property <math>P^*$  then  $(\hat{E}, \mathfrak{T})$  also has property  $P^*$ .

**Proof.** Suppose  $\{u_n\} \downarrow 0$  in  $\hat{E}$ . By Lemma 2.1, there is a sequence  $\{x_n\} \subset E$  such that  $u_n \leq x_n$  and  $x_n \downarrow 0$ . But then,  $\{x_n\}$   $\mathfrak{T}$ -converges to 0 in E, and hence, considered as a sequence in  $\hat{E}$ ,  $\{x_n\}$  is  $\mathfrak{T}$ -convergent to zero. It follows easily from the "solidity" of the neighborhood base for  $\mathfrak{T}$  that  $u_n \leq x_n$  implies  $\{u_n\}$  also  $\mathfrak{T}$ -converges to zero.

The above results will now be applied to show that " $\sigma$ -order complete" may be replaced by "Archimedean" in Proposition 2.6 in [5], if E is assumed to be order separable. (cf., [5, p. 164]).

**PROPOSITION 3.3.** If  $(E, \mathfrak{T})$  is a metrizable, Archimedean order separable locally convex lattice with property  $(P^*)$  and if, in addition, it is monotone bounded, then E has the diagonal property.

**Proof:** By Proposition (P) and the remark following the topology  $\mathfrak{T}$  generated on  $\hat{E}$  makes  $(\hat{E}, \mathfrak{T})$  a locally convex lattice which is metrizable. From 3.1 and 3.2 we have that  $(\hat{E}, \mathfrak{T})$  is boundedly order complete and satisfies condition P<sup>\*</sup>. From [5], Proposition 2.6, we have that  $\hat{E}$  has the diagonal property.

We conclude this section by giving a condition for sequence spaces that is equivalent to  $P^*$  and is more frequently found in the literature.

In being consistent with the usual notation we let  $\varphi$  denote the set of all finitely nonzero sequences of real numbers. Further, we define the  $n^{\text{th}}$  section,  $x^{(n)}$  of x by  $x_i^{(n)} = x_i$ , for  $i \leq n$ ;  $x_i^{(n)} = 0$ , for i > n.

**PROPOSITION 3.4.** Let  $\lambda$  be a sequence space with a topology  $\mathfrak{T}$  such that  $(\lambda, \mathfrak{T})$  is a locally convex lattice.  $(\lambda, \mathfrak{T})$  satisfies property  $P^*$  if and only if  $\varphi$  is dense in  $(\lambda, \mathfrak{T})$ .

**Proof.** Suppose  $\varphi$  is dense in  $(\lambda, \mathfrak{T})$  and let  $\{nx\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \downarrow 0$  in  $\lambda$ .

We first show that

$$z^{(n)} \rightarrow^{\mathfrak{T}} z$$

for each z in  $\lambda$ . Let  $\nu$  be a fundamental system of solid convex neighborhoods

of 0 for  $\mathfrak{T}$ , and  $W \in \nu$ . By assumption there is a  $y \in \varphi$  with  $y - z \in W$ . There exists an  $n_0$  such that  $y_n = 0, n > n_0$ . For each  $n > n_0$ ,

$$|z^{(n)}-z| \leq |y-z|$$
 and  $z^{(n)}-z \in W$ .

Let V be an arbitrary element in  $\nu$  and choose  $U \epsilon \nu$  such that  $U + U \subset V$ . By the above there exists an  $n_0$  such that  ${}_1x^{(n_0)} - {}_1x \epsilon U$ . Since U is solid and  ${}_{n+1}x \leq {}_nx$ , we have  ${}_mx^{(n_0)} - {}_mx \epsilon U$ , for each m.

The sequence  $\{nx\} \downarrow 0$ , so  $\{nx\}$  coordinatewise converges to 0. Hence, there is an  $n_1$  such that  $n > n_1$  implies  $nx^{(n_0)} \epsilon U$ .

Letting  $n > n_1$ , we have  $_n x = _n x^{(n_0)} + (_n x - _n x^{(n_0)}) \epsilon U + U \subset V$ , and  $_n x_1^{(n_0)}$  converges to 0 in  $\mathfrak{T}$ .

Conversely, suppose P<sup>\*</sup> holds. Let  $x \in \lambda$ .  $\{x - x^{(n)}\} \downarrow 0$ , so

$$\{x - x^{(n)}\} \to 0 \text{ in } \mathfrak{T} \text{ or } x^{(n)} \to x \text{ in } \mathfrak{T}.$$

Thus  $\varphi$  is dense in  $(\lambda, \mathfrak{T})$ .

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