

## UNCONDITIONAL CONVERGENT SERIES ON LOCALLY CONVEX SPACES

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**Abstract.** A characterization of unconditional convergent series is given for the case of sequentially complete locally convex spaces. From it we show that if  $E$  is a barrelled space with continuous dual  $E'$ , then  $(E', \beta(E', E))$  contains no copy of  $(c_0, \|\cdot\|_\infty)$  if and only if every continuous linear operator  $T : E \rightarrow l_1$  is both compact and sequentially compact.

Bessaga and Pelczynski [2] proved that a Banach space  $X$  contains no copy of  $(c_0, \|\cdot\|_\infty)$  if and only if every weakly unconditional Cauchy series in  $X$  is unconditional convergent. Li Ronglu [5] proved that this is equivalent to every continuous linear operator  $T : c_0 \rightarrow X$  being both compact and sequentially compact. Li Ronglu and Bu Qingying showed in [6] that these properties are valid for sequentially complete locally convex spaces.

In this paper, by using the Basic Matrix Theorem due to Antosik and Mikusinski [7], we present a characterization of unconditional convergent series on a sequentially complete locally convex space. From it we show that if  $E$  is a barrelled space with continuous dual  $E'$ , then  $(E', \beta(E', E))$  contains no copy of  $(c_0, \|\cdot\|_\infty)$  if and only if every continuous linear operator  $T : E \rightarrow l_1$  is both compact and sequentially compact, i.e., for every bounded subset  $B$  of  $E$ ,  $\overline{T(B)}$  is both compact and sequentially compact in  $l_1$ .

Let  $E$  be a sequentially complete locally convex space. A series  $\sum_n x_n$  in  $E$  is said to be unconditional convergent if for every permutation  $\pi$  of  $N$ , the series  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty x_{\pi(n)}$  is convergent. It is easy to see that the following conditions are equivalent [8]:

- (1) The series  $\sum_n x_n$  is unconditional convergent.
- (2) The series  $\sum_n x_n$  is subseries convergent.

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(3) For every neighbourhood  $V$  of 0 in  $E$  there exists an integer  $n$  such that for every finite subset  $\sigma$  of  $N$  which satisfies  $\min \{i \in \sigma\} > n$  we have  $\sum_{i \in \sigma} x_i \in V$ .

(4) The series  $\sum_n t_n x_n$  is convergent for every  $\{t_n\} \in l_\infty$ .  
A series  $\sum_n x_n$  in  $E$  is said to be weakly unconditional Cauchy if for every  $f \in E'$  we have  $\sum_n |f(x_n)| < \infty$ .

Now, we present a characterization of unconditional convergent series which is the analogue of condition (H) in [9].

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $E$  be a sequentially complete locally convex space with continuous dual  $E'$ . Then the series  $\sum_n x_n$  is unconditional convergent in  $E$  if and only if for every equicontinuous subset  $A$  of  $E'$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $n_\varepsilon \in N$  such that*

$$(5) \quad \sup_{f \in A} \sum_{n=n_\varepsilon+1}^{\infty} |f(x_n)| < \varepsilon.$$

*Proof.* “ $\Leftarrow$ ”: For any neighbourhood  $V$  of 0 in  $E$ , there exist a continuous seminorm  $p$  of  $E$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $\{x | p(x) \leq \varepsilon\} \subseteq V$ . Let  $A = \{f | f \in E', \sup_{p(x) \leq 1} |f(x)| \leq 1\}$ . Then  $A$  is an equicontinuous subset of  $E'$  and from (5) it follows that there exists an  $n_\varepsilon \in N$  such that

$$\sup_{f \in A} \sum_{n=n_\varepsilon+1}^{\infty} |f(x_n)| \leq \varepsilon.$$

Let  $\sigma$  be a finite subset of  $N$  which satisfies  $\min\{n \in \sigma\} > n_\varepsilon$ . By the Hahn-Banach Theorem we can find an  $f \in A$  such that

$$p\left(\sum_{n \in \sigma} x_n\right) = f\left(\sum_{n \in \sigma} x_n\right) \leq \sum_{n=n_\varepsilon+1}^{\infty} |f(x_n)| \leq \sup_{f \in A} \sum_{n=n_\varepsilon+1}^{\infty} |f(x_n)| \leq \varepsilon.$$

That is,  $\sum_{n \in \sigma} x_n \in V$ . This proves (5)  $\Rightarrow$  (3). So the series  $\sum_n x_n$  is unconditional convergent.

“ $\Rightarrow$ ”: Assume that the series  $\sum_n x_n$  is unconditional convergent but (5) is not valid. Since  $\sum_n x_n$  must be weakly unconditional Cauchy, it is easily seen that there exist  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ , an equicontinuous sequence  $\{f_k\}$  and an integer sequence  $n_1 < m_1 < n_2 < m_2 < \dots$  such that

$$\sum_{n=n_k}^{m_k} |f_k(x_n)| \geq \varepsilon_0, \quad k \in N.$$

Let  $\sigma_k = \{n | n \in N, n_k \leq n \leq m_k\}$ ,  $\sigma = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} \sigma_k$  and

$$t_n^0 = \begin{cases} \frac{\overline{f_k(x_n)}}{|f_k(x_n)|} & \text{if } n \in \sigma_k \text{ and } f_k(x_n) \neq 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then  $\{t_n^0\} \in l_\infty$  and  $\sum_{n=n_k}^{m_k} |f_k(x_n)| = \sum_{n \in \sigma_k} |f_k(x_n)| = \sum_{n \in \sigma_k} f_k(t_n^0 x_n) \geq \varepsilon_0$ . This shows that for every  $k \in N$  we have

(a) 
$$\sum_{n \in \sigma_k} f_k(t_n^0 x_n) = f_k \left( \sum_{n \in \sigma_k} t_n^0 x_n \right) \geq \varepsilon_0.$$

Let  $S = \overline{\text{Span}\{x_n\}}$ . Since the series  $\sum_n x_n$  is unconditional convergent, for every  $\{t_n\} \in l_\infty$  the series  $\sum_n t_n x_n$  is convergent and  $\sum_n t_n x_n \in S$ .

Let  $A_1$  be the  $\sigma(E', E)$  closure of  $\{f_k\}$ . Then  $A_1$  is a  $\sigma(E', E)$  compact subset of  $E'$  by the Banach-Alaoglu Theorem [4, 20.9 (4)]. Note that  $S \subseteq E$  and, therefore,  $A_1$  is also a  $\sigma(E', S)$  compact subset of  $E'$ , and is metrizable since  $S$  is separable [4, 21.3(4)]. Therefore,  $\{f_k\}$  has a subsequence  $\{f_{k_i}\}$  which is  $\sigma(E', S)$ -convergent to an  $f_0 \in A_1$ . That is, for every  $x \in S$  we have

(b) 
$$\lim_i f_{k_i}(x) = f_0(x).$$

Now consider the infinite matrix  $[f_{k_i}(\sum_{n \in \sigma_{k_j}} t_n^0 x_n)]_{ij}$ . From (b) it follows that for every  $j \in N$ ,

$$\lim_i f_{k_i} \left( \sum_{n \in \sigma_{k_j}} t_n^0 x_n \right) = f_0 \left( \sum_{n \in \sigma_{k_j}} t_n^0 x_n \right).$$

Moreover, if  $\{j_k\}$  is an increasing sequence of  $N$  and  $\sigma_0 = \bigcup_{l=1}^{\infty} \sigma_{k_l}$ , then  $\sum_{n \in \sigma_0} t_n^0 x_n \in S$ . Thus, we have

$$\lim_i f_{k_i} \left( \sum_{n \in \sigma_0} t_n^0 x_n \right) = f_0 \left( \sum_{n \in \sigma_0} t_n^0 x_n \right).$$

From the Basic Matrix Theorem of Antosik and Mikusinski [7] it follows that  $\lim_i f_{k_i} \left( \sum_{n \in \sigma_{k_i}} t_n^0 x_n \right) = 0$ . This contradicts (a) and the theorem is obtained. ■

Let  $E$  be a barrelled space with continuous dual  $E'$ ,  $\beta(E', E)$  be the strong topology on  $E'$  and  $E''$  be the continuous dual of  $(E', \beta(E', E))$ . It is clear that  $E \subseteq E''$  and every bounded subset  $B$  of  $E$  is an equicontinuous set on

$(E', \beta(E', E))$ . Since  $E$  is a barrelled space, it follows that  $(E', \beta(E', E))$  is sequentially complete [10].

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $E$  be a barrelled space. Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

(1°)  $(E', \beta(E', E))$  contains no copy of  $(c_0, \|\cdot\|_\infty)$ .

(2°) Every weakly unconditional Cauchy series  $\sum_n f_n$  in  $(E', \beta(E', E))$  is unconditional convergent.

(3°) Let  $\sum_n f_n$  be a series in  $(E', \beta(E', E))$ . If for every  $x \in E$  we have  $\sum_n |f_n(x)| < \infty$ , then for every bounded subset  $B$  of  $E$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists an  $n_\varepsilon \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\sup_{x \in B} \sum_{n=n_\varepsilon+1}^{\infty} |f_n(x)| < \varepsilon.$$

(4°) Every continuous linear operator  $T : E \rightarrow l_1$  is both compact and sequentially compact.

(5°)  $(E', \beta(E', E))$  contains no copy of  $(l_\infty, \|\cdot\|_\infty)$ .

*Proof.* Since  $(E', \beta(E', E))$  is sequentially complete, from [6, Th.4] it follows that (1°)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2°).

If for every  $x \in E$ ,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |f_n(x)| < \infty$ , then the series  $\sum_n f_n$  must be weakly unconditional Cauchy. Indeed, for any  $F \in E''$ , denote

$$a_n = \begin{cases} \frac{\overline{F(f_n)}}{|F(f_n)|} & \text{if } F(f_n) \neq 0, \\ 0 & \text{if } F(f_n) = 0. \end{cases}$$

Then it is easily seen that  $\{\sum_{n=1}^m a_n f_n\}_{m=1}^{\infty}$  is pointwise bounded on  $E$ . Since  $E$  is a barrelled space,  $\{\sum_{n=1}^m a_n f_n\}_{m=1}^{\infty}$  is equicontinuous and therefore is a bounded subset of  $(E', \beta(E', E))$ . That is, there exists  $M > 0$  such that for every  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  we have

$$F\left(\sum_{n=1}^m a_n f_n\right) = \sum_{n=1}^m |F(f_n)| \leq M.$$

This shows that  $\sum_n f_n$  is a weakly unconditional Cauchy series in  $(E', \beta(E', E))$ . From (2°) it follows that  $\sum_n f_n$  is unconditional convergent and by Theorem 1 we obtain (3°). That is, (2°)  $\Rightarrow$  (3°).

If (3°) holds, let  $T : E \rightarrow l_1$  be a continuous linear operator and  $T(x) = (f_1(x), f_2(x), \dots, f_n(x), \dots)$ . Since  $|f_n(x)| \leq \sum_n |f_n(x)| = \|T(x)\|$ , therefore, for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $f_n \in E'$  and  $\sum_n |f_n(x)| = \|Tx\| < \infty$ . This shows

that the series  $\sum_n f_n$  satisfies condition (3°) and therefore, for every bounded subset  $B$  of  $E$ ,  $T(B)$  is a bounded subset of  $l_1$  and for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists an  $n_\varepsilon \in N$  such that

$$\sup_{x \in B} \sum_{n=n_\varepsilon+1}^{\infty} |f_n(x)| < \varepsilon.$$

Thus,  $\overline{T(B)}$  is both a compact and sequentially compact subset of  $l_1$  [3]. That is, (3°)  $\Rightarrow$  (4°).

We now show (4°)  $\Rightarrow$  (2°). If (2°) is not valid, there exists a series  $\sum_n f_n$  in  $(E', \beta(E', E))$  which is weakly unconditional Cauchy but is not unconditional convergent. Now we define an operator  $T : E \rightarrow l_1$  by  $T(x) = \{f_n(x)\}$  for every  $x \in E$ . It is easily seen that  $T$  is a linear operator. We show that  $T$  is also continuous.

At first, for any  $\{t_n\} \in B_{l_\infty}$ , the unit ball of  $l_\infty$ , and  $m \in N$ , denote  $\sum_{n=1}^m t_n f_n = F_{m,t}$ . Then for every  $x \in E$ ,  $\{t_n\} \in B_{l_\infty}$  and  $m \in N$ , we have

$$|F_{m,t}(x)| = \left| \sum_{n=1}^m t_n f_n(x) \right| \leq \sum_{n=1}^m |t_n f_n(x)| \leq \sum_{n=1}^m |f_n(x)|.$$

This shows that  $\{F_{m,t}\}$  is pointwise bounded on  $E$  and, therefore, is equicontinuous.

For every neighbourhood  $V$  of 0 in  $l_1$ , there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $\{y|y \in l_1, \|y\| \leq \varepsilon\} \subseteq V$ . Since  $\{F_{m,t}\}$  is equicontinuous, there exists a neighbourhood  $U$  of 0 in  $E$  such that for every  $F_{m,t}$  we have  $\sup_{x \in U} |F_{m,t}(x)| \leq \varepsilon$ . From the definition of  $F_{m,t}$  it follows that  $\sup_{x \in U} \|T(x)\| \leq \varepsilon$ . Thus,  $T$  is continuous.

Finally, we show that  $T$  is not compact. Indeed, since  $\sum_n f_n$  is not unconditional convergent, there exists a neighbourhood  $W$  of 0 in  $(E', \beta(E', E))$  and a sequence of finite subsets  $\{\sigma_n\}$  of  $N$  such that for every  $n \in N$ , we have  $\max \sigma_n < \min \sigma_{n+1}$  and  $\sum_{k \in \sigma_n} f_k \notin W$ . So there exist a bounded subset  $B$  of  $E$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $\{f|f \in E', |f(x)| \leq \varepsilon, x \in B\} \subseteq W$ . Thus, we can obtain a sequence  $\{x_n\}$  of  $B$  such that

$$\left| \sum_{k \in \sigma_n} f_k(x_n) \right| \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, \quad n \in N.$$

Moreover,

$$\sum_{k \in \sigma_n} |f_k(x_n)| \geq \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, \quad n \in N.$$

From [3, Prop. 6.11], it follows that  $\overline{\{T(x_n)\}}$  is not a compact subset of  $l_1$  and, therefore, is not a sequentially compact subset of  $l_1$ . That is, (4°)  $\Rightarrow$  (2°).

Since  $(c_0, \|\cdot\|_\infty) \subseteq (l_\infty, \|\cdot\|_\infty)$ , it follows that (1°)  $\Rightarrow$  (5°). If (1°) is not valid, from (1°)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (2°) it follows that there exists a weakly unconditional

Cauchy series  $\sum_n f_n$  in  $(E', \beta(E', E))$  which is not unconditional convergent. Since  $E$  is a barrelled space,  $(E', \sigma(E', E))$  and  $(E', \beta(E', E))$  are sequentially complete. Therefore, it is easily seen that the series  $\sum_n f_n$  is subseries  $\sigma(E', E)$  convergent. Define  $\mu : 2^N \rightarrow E'$  by  $\mu(\sigma) = \sum_{n \in \sigma} f_n$ . Note that  $\sum_n f_n$  is not  $\beta(E', E)$  unconditional convergent and, therefore, is not subseries  $\beta(E', E)$  convergent. From the sequential completeness of  $\beta(E', E)$ , it follows that there exists a disjoint sequence  $\{\sigma_j\} \subseteq 2^N$  such that  $\{\mu(\sigma_j)\}$  does not converge to 0 in  $\beta(E', E)$ . As proved in [1, Th. 10.7 and Cor. 10.8] that  $(E', \beta(E', E))$  contains a copy of  $(l_\infty, \|\cdot\|_\infty)$ . This contradicts (5°). The proof is completed. ■

**Corollary 3** [11]. *Let  $X$  be a Banach space with continuous dual  $X'$ . Then  $(X', \|\cdot\|)$  contains no copy of  $(c_0, \|\cdot\|)$  if and only if every continuous linear operator  $T : E \rightarrow l_1$  is compact.*

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