

WEAK TOPOLOGIES ON SUBSPACES OF $C(S)$

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Abstract. Let S be a locally compact Hausdorff space, E a linear subspace of $C(S)$. It is shown that the unit ball of E is compact in the strict topology if and only if both of the following two conditions are satisfied: (1) E is the Banach space dual of $M(S)/E^\circ$ in the integration pairing, and (2) the bounded weak star topology on E coincides with the strict topology. This result is applied to several examples, among which are l^∞ and the space of bounded analytic functions on a plane region.

The space $C(S)$ of bounded, continuous, complex valued functions on the locally compact Hausdorff space S is paired by integration with $M(S)$, the space of regular Borel measures on S having finite variation. We call a vector subspace of $C(S)$ *weakly normal* if its unit ball is compact in the weak topology of this pairing, and *normal* if its unit ball is compact in the strict topology (see §1 for definitions).

In §1 of this paper we show that every normal subspace of $C(S)$ is weakly normal, every weakly normal subspace is norm closed; and that a subspace is normal if and only if its unit ball is compact in the compact-open topology. We discuss several examples of normal subspaces, in particular the spaces $H^\infty(G)$ of bounded analytic functions on the plane region G , and $l^\infty(\Gamma)$ of bounded complex valued functions on the index set Γ .

If E is a linear subspace of $C(S)$, and E° is its annihilator in $M(S)$, then it is easy to see that the mapping which takes f in E to the linear functional

$$m + E^\circ \rightarrow \int f dm \quad (m \text{ in } M(S))$$

is a linear isometry of E into the dual of $M(S)/E^\circ$. We show that E is weakly normal if and only if this map is onto.

In the second section we prove our main result (Theorem 2): A subspace E of $C(S)$ is normal if and only if it is weakly normal and the bounded weak star topology induced on it by $M(S)/E^\circ$ coincides with the strict topology.

In the last section we show that if S is separable and E is a normal subspace of $C(S)$, then a subset of E is strictly closed if and only if it is strictly sequentially closed. This result was first proved by Paul Hessler for $H^\infty(G)$.

Our work continues that of Rubel and Shields [10] and Rubel and Ryff [9], who studied the particular class of normal subspaces $H^\infty(G)$. The coincidence of the

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strict and bounded weak star topologies on $H^\infty(G)$ is due to Rubel and Ryff [9, §2]; indeed this paper arises from our attempt to better understand their result. We also make contact with the work of Collins [2] on $l^\infty(\Gamma)$ in the strict topology.

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1. Normal and weakly normal subspaces. In this section we discuss some preliminary facts about normal and weakly normal subspaces, and give several examples. We begin with some definitions. If $\langle E, F \rangle$ is a dual pair of vector spaces, the weak topology induced on E by F is denoted by $w(E, F)$. A vector topology t on E is said to be *consistent* with the pairing $\langle E, F \rangle$ if F is the t -dual of E in the sense that a linear functional λ on E is t -continuous if and only if there is a unique f_λ in F with $\lambda(e) = \langle e, f_\lambda \rangle$ for each e in E . If E and F are Banach spaces and the mapping $\lambda \rightarrow f_\lambda$ is an isometry of E' , the dual of E , onto F ; then we say F is *isometric to E' in the pairing $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$* .

Throughout our work S denotes a locally compact Hausdorff space. $C(S)$ is the space of bounded, continuous, complex valued functions on S ; $C_0(S)$ is the subspace of $C(S)$ consisting of functions which vanish at infinity, and $M(S)$ is the space of regular complex Borel measures on S of finite variation. $C(S)$ is a Banach space in the supremum norm $\| \cdot \|_\infty$, and $C_0(S)$ is a closed subspace. $M(S)$ is a Banach space in the variation norm $\| \cdot \|$, and is isometric to the dual of $C_0(S)$ in the pairing

$$(1.1) \quad \langle f, m \rangle = \int f dm.$$

The *strict topology* β on $C(S)$ is the locally convex topology defined by the seminorms

$$\|f\|_k = \|fk\|_\infty \quad (f \text{ in } C(S)),$$

where k runs through $C_0(S)$. The strict topology is Hausdorff, complete, and consistent with the pairing (1.1) between $C(S)$ and $M(S)$ [1, Theorems 1 and 2]. Moreover, it coincides with the norm topology if and only if S is compact [1, Theorem 1]. We write $\alpha = w(C(S), M(S))$.

The following elementary fact is used repeatedly:

THEOREM A. *Suppose t_1 and t_2 are Hausdorff topologies on a set X . If $t_1 \subset t_2$ and (X, t_2) is compact, then (X, t_1) is compact and $t_1 = t_2$.*

We call a vector subspace of $C(S)$ *weakly normal* if its unit ball is α -compact, and *normal* if its unit ball is β -compact.

PROPOSITION 1. *Every normal subspace of $C(S)$ is weakly normal, and every weakly normal subspace is norm closed.*

Proof. If E is normal then its unit ball E_1 is β -compact. Since β is consistent with the pairing $\langle C(S), M(S) \rangle$, α is weaker than β . Thus E_1 is α -compact by Theorem A,

so E is weakly normal. If E is weakly normal then E_1 is α -compact, hence α -closed in $C(S)$. Since α is weaker than the norm topology, E_1 is norm closed in $C(S)$, and it follows easily that the same is true of E .

A weakly normal subspace need not be normal. For example, if S is the closed unit interval and E is a reflexive infinite-dimensional subspace of $C(S)$, then α coincides on E with $w(E, E')$, so the unit ball of E is α -compact. However, E is not normal, since in this example the strict topology coincides with the norm topology.

The next result gives a useful characterization of normality. Let κ denote the compact-open topology on $C(S)$.

PROPOSITION 2. *A vector subspace of $C(S)$ is normal if and only if its unit ball is equicontinuous and κ -closed.*

Proof. Let E be a vector subspace of $C(S)$, and E_1 its unit ball. In view of [1, Theorem 1], $\kappa = \beta$ on E_1 , hence E is normal if and only if E_1 is κ -compact. The result now follows from the Arzela-Ascoli Theorem and the fact that the unit ball of $C(S)$ is κ -closed in the space of all continuous functions on S .

COROLLARY. *$H^\infty(G)$ is a normal subspace of $C(G)$.*

Let Γ be an index set, and let S denote Γ in its discrete topology. Then $l^\infty(\Gamma) = C(S)$ is normal, as the following result shows.

PROPOSITION 3. *The following are equivalent:*

- (a) S is a discrete space.
- (b) $C(S)$ is normal.
- (c) $C(S)$ is weakly normal.

Proof. (a) \rightarrow (b). It follows from (a) that $C(S)$ is the space of all bounded functions on S , so (b) is an easy consequence of Proposition 2.

(b) \rightarrow (c). Immediate from Proposition 1.

(c) \rightarrow (a). Suppose $C(S)$ is weakly normal. Fix s in S . Let U be an open set containing S , and apply Urysohn's Lemma to the one point compactification of S to obtain a continuous function f_U vanishing on the complement of U , with $f_U(s) = 1$ and $0 \leq f_U \leq 1$. Evidently the net (f_U) converges pointwise to ϕ_s , the characteristic function of the singleton $\{s\}$. However, (f_U) is contained in the α -compact unit ball of $C(S)$, so there is a function g in $C(S)$ and a subnet of (f_U) which is α -convergent, hence pointwise convergent, to g . Thus $g = \phi_s$, so ϕ_s is continuous on S . It follows that $\{s\}$ is open in S , which completes the proof.

The next example was pointed out to us by D. L. Williams. Let Λ be a compact subset of n -dimensional Euclidean space R^n , and let $E(\Lambda)$ denote the space of bounded measurable functions on R^n with spectrum [4, p. 227] contained in Λ . Every such function is the restriction to R^n of an entire function on C^n of exponential type, and the Bernstein inequality guarantees that

$$\|\text{grad } f\|_\infty \leq A \|f\|_\infty \quad (f \text{ in } E(\Lambda)),$$

for some $A > 0$ independent of f [4, p. 227]. It follows from the mean value theorem in R^n that

$$|f(y) - f(x)| \leq \|\text{grad } f\|_\infty |y - x| \quad (x, y \text{ in } R^n)$$

for f in $C^1(R^n)$. Thus for f in the unit ball of $E(\Lambda)$, the Bernstein inequality yields $|f(y) - f(x)| \leq A|y - x|$, where A is independent of f , x , and y . The unit ball of $E(\Lambda)$ is therefore equicontinuous. That it is κ -closed follows from a routine argument involving Fourier transforms of temperate distributions. By Proposition 2, $E(\Lambda)$ is therefore a normal subspace of $C(R^n)$.

Finally let $\text{Lip}(X, d)$ denote the space of Lipschitz functions on the compact metric space (X, d) . More explicitly, $\text{Lip}(X, d)$ consists of all those continuous complex-valued functions on X for which

$$\omega f(x, y) = (f(x) - f(y))/d(x, y)$$

is bounded for $x \neq y$ (x, y in X). Let

$$\|\omega f\|_\infty = \sup \{|\omega f(x, y)| : x, y \text{ in } X, x \neq y\}.$$

In the norm $\|f\| = \max\{\|f\|_\infty, \|\omega f\|_\infty\}$, $\text{Lip}(X, d)$ is a Banach space. Following de Leeuw [3] and Johnson [7, Lemma 3.1] we show that it can be regarded as a normal subspace of an appropriate $C(S)$.

Let $Y = \{(x, y) : x, y \text{ in } X, x \neq y\}$ be given the relative topology of $X \times X$. Then the disjoint union $W = X \cup Y$ in its natural topology is a locally compact Hausdorff space. For f in $\text{Lip}(X, d)$ define \tilde{f} on W by setting \tilde{f} equal to f on X , and to ωf on Y . The mapping $f \rightarrow \tilde{f}$ is then a linear isometry of $\text{Lip}(X, d)$ onto a subspace L of $C(W)$, and it is not difficult to show from the Lipschitz condition that the unit ball of L is equicontinuous. It is clearly κ -closed in $C(W)$, so $\text{Lip}(X, d)$ may be regarded as a normal subspace of $C(W)$.

We close this section by characterizing weakly normal subspaces as special conjugate Banach spaces. For this we need the Krein-Šmulian Theorem.

THEOREM B (KREIN-ŠMULIAN [5, V.5.7]). *Let X be a Banach space. A linear subspace of X' is $w(X', X)$ -closed if and only if its intersection with the X' unit ball is $w(X', X)$ -closed.*

Let E be a vector subspace of $C(S)$, and let E^0 be the annihilator of E in $M(S)$. E is paired with the quotient space $M(S)/E^0$ by integration:

$$(1.2) \quad \langle m + E^0, f \rangle = \int f dm \quad (m \text{ in } M(S), f \text{ in } E),$$

and the linear functional

$$(1.3) \quad m + E^0 \rightarrow \langle m + E^0, f \rangle$$

on $M(S)/E^0$ is easily seen to have norm $\|f\|_\infty$. Thus the mapping which takes f in E to the linear functional (1.3) is a linear isometry of E onto a weak star dense subspace of the dual of $M(S)/E^0$.

THEOREM 1. *E is weakly normal if and only if it is isometric in the pairing (1.2) to the dual of $M(S)/E^0$.*

Proof. Let $M = M(S)$ and let E_1 denote the unit ball of E . If E is isometric to $(M/E^0)'$ in (1.2) then it follows from the Alaoglu Theorem that E_1 is $w(E, M/E^0)$ -compact. Since $w(E, M/E^0) = \alpha$ on E , E is weakly normal.

Conversely, suppose E is weakly normal. Identifying E with its image in $(M/E^0)'$, we see by weak normality that the unit ball of E is $\alpha = w(E, M/E^0)$ -compact, so the Krein-Šmulian Theorem guarantees that E is weak star closed in $(M/E^0)'$. But we have already seen that E is weak star dense in $(M/E^0)'$, so the proof is complete.

2. Normal subspaces and the bounded weak star topology. If X is a Banach space, then the *bounded weak star topology* $bw(X', X)$ on its dual X' is the strongest topology which coincides with $w(X', X)$ on bounded subsets. A subset of X' is $bw(X', X)$ -closed if and only if its intersection with every positive multiple of the X' unit ball is $w(X', X)$ -closed [5, V.5.3]. For example Theorem B can be restated: a linear subspace of X' is $w(X', X)$ -closed if and only if it is $bw(X', X)$ -closed. The bounded weak star topology has the following important characterization:

THEOREM C [5, V.5.4]. *If X is a Banach space then $bw(X', X)$ coincides with the topology of uniform convergence on sequences in X which tend in norm to zero.*

We turn to our main result. Recall that a subspace E of $C(S)$ is weakly normal if and only if it is isometric to the dual of $M(S)/E^0$ in the pairing (1.2). Thus if E is weakly normal, then its predual $M(S)/E^0$ induces on it the weak star topology (which coincides with α), and the bounded weak star topology $bw(E, M(S)/E^0)$.

THEOREM 2. *A subspace E of $C(S)$ is normal if and only if it is weakly normal and $bw(E, M(S)/E^0) = \beta$.*

In the proof we rely heavily on the following result of Rubel and Ryff [9, §2].

PROPOSITION 4. *On $C(S)$ the strict topology is stronger than the topology of uniform convergence on norm-null sequences in $M(S)$.*

Proof. We repeat the argument of [9]. Let $A = (m_n)$ be a sequence in $M(S)$ which tends to zero in norm. We must show that, for some k in $C_0(S)$ and $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\{f: \|f\|_k \leq \varepsilon\} \subset \left\{ f: \left| \int f dm \right| \leq 1 \text{ for all } m \text{ in } A \right\}.$$

It is enough to show that there is a nonnegative k in $C_0(S)$ with

$$(2.1) \quad C = \sup \left\{ \int k^{-1} d|m| : m \text{ in } A \right\} < \infty.$$

For then whenever $f \in C(S)$ and $\|f\|_k \leq 1/C$, we will have

$$\left| \int f dm \right| = \left| \int (fk)k^{-1} dm \right| \leq 1,$$

which will complete the proof.

It remains to prove (2.1). Each member of A has sigma-compact support [1, Lemma 5], and at most a finite number have total variation $\geq 1/2$. It follows that there is a compact subset K_1 of S such that $|m|(S - K_1) \leq \frac{1}{2}$ for each m in A . Similarly, there is a compact set K_2 whose interior contains K_1 such that $|m|(S - K_2) \leq \frac{1}{4}$ for each m in A . Continuing in this fashion we obtain a sequence (K_n) of compact sets such that K_n is contained in the interior of K_{n+1} , and

$$\sup \{|m|(S - K_n) : m \text{ in } A\} \leq 2^{-n} \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots).$$

Let (p_n) be a sequence of positive numbers decreasing to 0 such that $p_n \geq \|m_n\|$ ($n = 1, 2, \dots$) and $\sum (p_n 2^n)^{-1} < 2$. It follows from Urysohn's Lemma that there is a nonnegative function k in $C_0(S)$ vanishing outside $\bigcup_n K_n$ such that $k = p_n$ on ∂K_n , and $p_n \geq k \geq p_{n+1}$ on $K_{n+1} - K_n$ ($n = 1, 2, \dots$). Thus for each fixed n ,

$$\begin{aligned} \int k^{-1} d|m_n| &= \int_{K_n} k^{-1} d|m_n| + \sum_{j=n+1}^{\infty} \int_{K_{j+1} - K_j} k^{-1} d|m_n| \\ &\leq \|m_n\|/p_n + \sum_{j=n+1}^{\infty} (p_j 2^j)^{-1} \\ &\leq 1 + \sum_1^{\infty} (p_j 2^j)^{-1} < 3, \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof.

Proof of Theorem 2. If E is weakly normal and $bw(E, M(S)/E^0) = \beta$, then β coincides with $\alpha = w(E, M(S)/E^0)$ on the unit ball E_1 of E . Thus E_1 is β -compact, so E is normal. Conversely, if E is normal then it is weakly normal; and it follows from Theorem A that $\alpha = \beta$ on every positive multiple of E_1 (recall that $\alpha < \beta$ on $C(S)$). Thus β coincides with α on every bounded subset of E , so $\beta < bw(E, M(S)/E^0)$. However it follows immediately from Proposition 4 and Theorem C that $bw(E, M(S)/E^0) < \beta$ for any weakly normal subspace E ; which completes the proof.

We apply Theorem 2 to the examples discussed in the first section.

COROLLARY 1 [9, §2]. *Let $E = H^\infty(G)$, and $M = M(G)$. Then in the pairing*

$$\langle f, m \rangle = \int f dm \quad (f \text{ in } E, m \text{ in } M),$$

E is isometric with the dual of $M|E^0$ and $\beta = bw(E, M|E^0)$. The same is true if $E = E(\Lambda)$ and $M = M(R^n)$.

We remark that this result, and its proof, remain valid when G is a region in C^n .

COROLLARY 2. *Let Γ be an index set. Then $\beta = bw(l^\infty(\Gamma), l^1(\Gamma))$.*

COROLLARY 3. *Let $E = \text{Lip}(X, d)$ and $M = M(S)$. Then in the pairing*

$$\langle f, m \rangle = \int_w f dm \quad (f \text{ in } E, m \text{ in } M),$$

E is isometric to the dual of M/E^0 , and $bw(E, M/E^0)$ coincides with the topology induced by the seminorms

$$\|f\|_k = \max \{\|f\|_\infty, \|\omega f\|_k\},$$

where k runs through $C_0(Y)$, and

$$\|\omega f\|_k = \sup \{|\omega f(p)k(p)| : p \text{ in } Y\}.$$

We remark that the fact that $Lip(X, d)$ is a conjugate Banach space is a special case of a result of J. A. Johnson [7, Theorem 4.1].

For a locally convex space X , the *equicontinuous weak star topology* $ew(X', X)$ is defined as the strongest topology on X' which coincides with $w(X', X)$ on equicontinuous sets [6, 5.3, p. 61]. If X is a Banach space then $ew(X', X)$ coincides with the bounded weak star topology. If $ew(X', X)$ coincides with the topology of uniform convergence on precompact subsets of E , then X is called an *S space* [6, 6.1, p. 71]. It follows from [6, 6.6, Proposition 5] that in the bounded weak star topology, the dual of a Banach space is a complete *S space*. Thus Corollary 2 provides another proof of Collins' observation [2, 4.6] that $(l^\infty(\Gamma), \beta)$ is a complete *S space*. In fact, if S is a locally compact Hausdorff space and E is a normal subspace of $C(S)$, then it follows from these remarks and Theorem 2 that (E, β) is a complete *S space*.

Finally, we observe that in some sense the bounded weak star topology on the dual of a Banach space is always a strict topology.

PROPOSITION 5. *If E is a Banach space, then there is a set Γ and a norm isomorphism of E' onto a $w(l^\infty(\Gamma), l^1(\Gamma))$ -closed subspace F of $l^\infty(\Gamma)$, which is simultaneously a topological isomorphism of $(E', bw(E', E))$ onto (F, β) .*

Proof. It is well known that there is a norm isomorphism taking E onto a quotient space $l^1(\Gamma)/N$ for some Γ (see [8, p. 283] for E separable; the proof for nonseparable E is similar). It follows upon passing to the adjoint that E' is norm isomorphic with $(l^1(\Gamma)/N)' = N^0$, the annihilator of N in $l^\infty(\Gamma)$. Thus $F = N^0$ is a $w(l^\infty(\Gamma), l^1(\Gamma))$ closed subspace of $l^\infty(\Gamma)$, and it follows from Theorem C that the isomorphism between E' and F stays bicontinuous when the spaces are given their respective bounded weak star topologies. But from Corollary 2, $\beta = bw(l^\infty(\Gamma), l^1(\Gamma))$, which coincides on F with $bw(F, l^1(\Gamma)/N)$; and the proof is complete.

3. Hessler's Theorem. The following result is due to P. Hessler (unpublished).

THEOREM D. *A subset of $H^\infty(G)$ is strictly closed if and only if it is strictly sequentially closed.*

Rubel and Ryff have shown that Hessler's Theorem is a consequence of

THEOREM E [9, §2]. *If X is a separable Banach space, then a subset of X' is closed in the bounded weak star topology if and only if it is sequentially closed.*

Since the restriction of $w(X', X)$ to the X' unit ball is metrizable whenever X is separable, Theorem E follows from the fact that a set is $bw(X', X)$ -closed if and only if its intersection with every positive multiple of the unit ball is $w(X', X)$ -closed. Theorem D follows from Theorem E, Corollary 1 of Theorem 2, and the fact that $M(G)/H^\infty(G)^0$ is separable [10, §4].

In this section we use Theorem 2 to prove the following extension of Hessler's result.

THEOREM 3. *If S is separable and E is a normal subspace of $C(S)$, then a subset of (E, β) is closed if and only if it is sequentially closed.*

This will follow from the next proposition, which is itself useful in applications.

PROPOSITION 7. *Let E be a weakly normal subspace of $C(S)$, let V be a norm closed subspace of $M(S)$, and let $E^V = E^0 \cap V$. The following are equivalent:*

(a) *The mapping*

$$(3.1) \quad m + E^V \rightarrow m + E^0 \quad (m \text{ in } V)$$

is a linear isometry of V/E^V onto $M(S)/E^0$.

(b) *E is isometric to the dual of V/E^V in the pairing*

$$(3.2) \quad \langle m + E^V, f \rangle = \int f dm \quad (f \text{ in } E, m \text{ in } V).$$

(c) *For each f in E ,*

$$\|f\|_\infty = \sup \left\{ \left| \int f dm \right| : m \text{ in } V, \|m\| \leq 1 \right\}.$$

Proof. Let $M = M(S)$, and let E_1 denote the unit ball of E . (a) \rightarrow (b) follows immediately from Theorem 1, and (b) \rightarrow (c) is obvious.

(b) \rightarrow (a). It follows from (b) and Theorem 1 that $\|m + E^V\|$ coincides with $\|m + E^0\|$ for each m in M , so the mapping (3.1) is an isometry taking V/E^V onto a closed subspace of M/E^0 . But the image of V/E^V is dense, since no nonzero linear functional on M/E^0 can annihilate it (Theorem 1 and (b) again). Thus (3.1) maps V/E^V onto M/E^0 .

(c) \rightarrow (b). It follows from (c) that the mapping which takes each f in E to the linear functional

$$m \rightarrow \int f dm \quad (m \text{ in } V)$$

is an isometry of E into V' . Since $w(E, V)$ is Hausdorff and weaker than $w(E, M) = \alpha$, it follows from Theorem A and weak normality that E_1 is $w(E, V)$ -compact, hence $w(V', V)$ -compact. By Theorem B, E is $w(V', V)$ -closed, and as in the proof of Theorem 1, it is $w(V', V)$ -dense. Q.E.D.

Proof of Theorem 3. Let T be a countable dense subset of S , and let V denote the space of measures in $M(S)$ which are concentrated on T . Clearly V is a separable

closed subspace of $M(S)$ satisfying (c) of Proposition 7. Thus $M(S)/E^0$ is isometrically isomorphic with V/E^V . Since V/E^V is separable, so is $M(S)/E^0$, and the proof is completed by appealing to Theorem 2 and Theorem E.

We remark that the spaces $H^\infty(G)$, $E(\Lambda)$, l^∞ , and $\text{Lip}(X, d)$ all satisfy the hypotheses of Theorem 3. For $\text{Lip}(X, d)$ we must show that the associated locally compact space $W = X \cup Y$ is separable. Since X is a compact metric space, it is separable, as is $X \times X$. Y is an open subset of $X \times X$, hence is separable; and W is separable because it is the disjoint union of X and Y .

A form of Proposition 7 was proved for $H^\infty(G)$ by Rubel and Shields [10, §4], who showed that if $E = H^\infty(G)$ and $V = L^1(G)$ then E is isometric in the integration pairing to the dual of V/E^V . Note that in this case V clearly satisfies (c) of Proposition 7. Similarly, taking $E = E(\Lambda)$ and $V = L^1(R^n)$, we obtain the same result.

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