

ON SOME SUBSPACES OF BANACH SPACES WHOSE DUALS ARE L_1 SPACES

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1. Introduction. Banach spaces whose duals are L_1 spaces were extensively studied in [3]. Recently J. Lindenstrauss and D. Wulbert [4] proved some results on the classification of these spaces which complemented the results of [3]. In [2] the results of [5] were applied to prove the following structure theorem for the separable case:

PROPOSITION 1 [2, Theorem 2]. *A separable Banach space X satisfies $X^* = L_1$ space if and only if X has a monotone basis $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$ such that for every n the span of $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^n$ is isometric to l_∞^n (= the space of n -tuples $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n)$ of reals with $\|\lambda\| = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |\lambda_i|$).*

We recall that a sequence $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$ in a Banach space X is called a monotone basis of X (see [1, p. 67]) if each $x \in X$ has a unique representation $x = \sum_{i=1}^\infty \alpha_i x_i$ where $\{\alpha_i\}$ are scalars and the projections P_n on X defined by $P_n(\sum_{i=1}^\infty \alpha_i x_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i$ are of norm 1.

The purpose of this note is to show that the space c_0 (= the space of real sequences $\rho = \{\rho_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ which converge to 0 with $\|\rho\| = \sup_{1 \leq n} |\rho_n|$) is the minimal infinite dimensional Banach space whose dual is an L_1 space, namely

THEOREM 1. *Let X be a separable infinite dimensional Banach space whose dual is an L_1 space. Then X has a subspace V isometric to c_0 such that there is a projection of norm 1 from X onto V .*

It is proved in [3, p. 67, Corollary 2] that any infinite dimensional Banach space Y with $Y^* = L_1(\mu)$ has a separable infinite dimensional subspace X for which $X^* = L_1(\nu)$. Hence, Theorem 1 implies the following

COROLLARY 1. *Every infinite dimensional Banach space whose dual is an L_1 space contains a subspace isometric to c_0 .*

2. Preliminary lemmas. Let X be a separable Banach space such that X^* is an L_1 space and assume that $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$ is the monotone basis of X mentioned in Proposition 1. It follows from Proposition 1 that in each subspace $E_n = \text{span } \{x_i\}_{i=1}^n$ there is a basis $\{e_i^n\}_{i=1}^n$ such that

$$(1) \quad \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i e_i^n \right\| = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |\gamma_i|$$

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for any real $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_n$. It is easy to prove (see [4, §5] and [5]) that the bases $\{e_i^n\}_{i=1}^n, n=1, 2, 3, \dots$ can be chosen such that for every n and $1 \leq i \leq n$

$$(2) \quad e_i^n = e_i^{n+1} + a_i e_{n+1}^{n+1}$$

where $\sum_{i=1}^n |a_i^n| \leq 1$. We define now a sequence $\{\phi_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$ of functionals on $\bigcup_{n=1}^\infty E_n$ in the following way: For each $j < n$ and $x = \sum_{i=1}^n b_i e_i^n, \phi_j(x) = b_j$. Using (2) it is easy to show that ϕ_j is uniquely defined and linear. Moreover, $|\phi_j(x)| = |b_j| \leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |b_i| = \|x\|$ and hence, ϕ_j can be extended by continuity to a linear functional of norm 1 on X . Another property of ϕ_j is proved in the following

LEMMA 1. For each $j \phi_j$ is an extreme point of the unit ball of X^* .

PROOF. Assume that $\phi_j = 1/2(f+g)$ where $f, g \in X^*$ and $\|f\| = \|g\| = 1$. For all $n \geq j, 1 = f(e_j^n) = g(e_j^n)$ and if, for some $k \neq j, f(e_k^n) = \alpha \neq 0$ then

$$f(e_j^n + (\text{sign } \alpha)e_k^n) = 1 + |\alpha| > 1.$$

This contradicts the fact that $\|f\| = 1$ (since $\|e_j^n + (\text{sign } \alpha)e_k^n\| = 1$). It follows that $f(e_k^n) = 0$ for every $n \geq j$ and $k \neq j$. Obviously g shares the same property and therefore $f(x) = g(x) = \phi_j(x)$ for any $x \in \bigcup_{n=1}^\infty E_n$. Since $\bigcup_{n=1}^\infty E_n$ is dense in X Lemma 1 is thus proved.

COROLLARY 2. The closed linear span of $\{\phi_j\}_{j=1}^\infty$ is isometric to l_1 .

PROOF. X^* is an $L_1(\mu)$ space and, as is well known, the extreme points of the unit ball are elements of the form $\phi = \chi_A/\mu(A)$ where A is an atom and χ_A the characteristic function of A . It follows from Lemma 1 that $\|\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \phi_i\| = \sum_{i=1}^n |\alpha_i|$ for any sequence $\{\alpha_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$ of reals. This concludes the proof.

For every $x = \sum_{j=1}^n b_j e_j^n \in \bigcup_{k=1}^\infty E_k$ we have $\|x\| = \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |b_j| = \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |\phi_j(x)| \leq \sup_{1 \leq j < \infty} |\phi_j(x)| \leq \|x\|$. It follows that for every $x \in X$

$$(3) \quad \|x\| = \sup_{1 \leq j < \infty} |\phi_j(x)|.$$

The functionals ϕ_j will play an important role in the sequel.

LEMMA 2. Let $n(k)$ and $i(k)$ be increasing sequences of positive integers with $i(k) \leq n(k)$. Then the sequence $\{e_{i(k)}^{n(k)}\}_{k=1}^\infty$ forms a monotone basis in the subspace E which it spans in X . Moreover, in each subspace $F_m = \text{span}\{e_{i(k)}^{n(k)}\}_{k=1}^m$ there is a basis $\{u_i^m\}_{i=1}^m$ satisfying the following

(a) $u_m^m = e_{i(m)}^{n(m)}$.

(b) For every m and $i \leq m, u_i^m = u_i^{m+i} + b_i^m u_{m+1}^{m+1}$ where $\sum_{i=1}^m |b_i^m| \leq 1$.

(c) $\left\| \sum_{i=1}^m \gamma_i u_i^m \right\| = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |\gamma_i|$ for any real $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_m$.

PROOF. Define $u_1^1 = e_{i(1)}^{n(1)}$ and for $k > 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_h^k &= e_{i(k)}^{n(k)} && \text{if } h = k \\
 &= \sum_{j=1, j \neq i(k)}^{n(k)} b_{h,j}^k e_j^{n(k)} && \text{if } h < k \text{ and } u_h^{k-1} = \sum_{j=1}^{n(k)} b_{h,j}^k e_j^{n(k)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

The properties (a) and (b) follow directly from the definition of u_j^k and from (c), while the following assertion is an easy consequence of (2): Let $x = \sum_{i=1}^r a_i e_i^r = \sum_{i=1}^s b_i e_i^s$ where $s > r$. Then $a_i = b_i$ for all $i \leq r$. (Proof by induction on $s - r$.) In view of this fact and the definition of u_j^k we have the equality $1 = b_{j,i(j)}^k$ for $1 \leq j < k$. Assertion (c) holds for $m = 1$ and, assuming its validity for $m = k - 1$, we get that $\sum_{h=1}^{k-1} |b_{h,j}^k| \leq 1$ for all $1 \leq j \leq n(k)$. (This follows from the fact that $\{e_j^{n(k)}\}_{j=1}^{n(k)}$ is the usual basis in the $\mathbb{R}^{n(k)}$ space $E_{n(k)}$ and that $\left\| \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \pm u_j^{k-1} \right\| = 1$ for any choice of the signs.) In particular it follows that $b_{p,i(j)}^k = 0$ for all $p \neq j, 1 \leq p, j \leq k$. We thus get that

$$\max_{1 \leq j \leq k-1} |\gamma_j| \leq \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \gamma_j u_j^k \right\| \leq \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \gamma_j u_j^{k-1} \right\| = \max_{1 \leq j \leq k-1} |\gamma_j|$$

for any real $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_{k-1}$. The definition of u_j^k and the last inequality yield

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4) \quad \left\| \sum_{j=1}^k \gamma_j u_j^k \right\| &= \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \gamma_j u_j^k + \gamma_k e_{i(k)}^{n(k)} \right\| \\
 &= \max \left\{ \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \gamma_j u_j^k \right\|, |\gamma_k| \right\} = \max_{1 \leq j \leq k} |\gamma_j|.
 \end{aligned}$$

This proves (c).

Now, for any sequence $\{\gamma_j\}_{j=1}^{k+1}$ of reals let $\sum_{j=1}^k \gamma_j e_{i(j)}^{n(j)} = \sum_{j=1}^k \beta_j u_j^k$. Then by (a), (b) and (c)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left\| \sum_{j=1}^k \gamma_j e_{i(j)}^{n(j)} \right\| &= \max_{1 \leq j \leq k} |\beta_j| \\
 &\leq \max \left\{ \max_{1 \leq j \leq k} |\beta_j|, \left| \gamma_{k+1} + \sum_{j=1}^k \beta_j b_j^k \right| \right\} \\
 &= \left\| \sum_{j=1}^k \beta_j u_j^k + \gamma_{k+1} u_{k+1}^{k+1} \right\| \\
 &= \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{k+1} \gamma_j u_j^j \right\| = \left\| \sum_{j=1}^{k+1} \gamma_j e_{i(j)}^{n(j)} \right\|.
 \end{aligned}$$

This inequality shows that $\{e_{i(j)}^{n(j)}\}_{j=1}^\infty$ is a monotone basis of E (see [1, p. 67]), and Lemma 2 is proved.

By Proposition 1 and Lemma 2 any sequence $\{e_{i(k)}^{n(k)}\}$, where $n(k)$ and $i(k)$ are increasing and $i(k) \leq n(k)$, span a subspace E whose dual is an L_1 space. As in the definition of the functionals $\{\phi_j\}$ given at the beginning of §2, we define functionals $\{\psi_j\}$ on E by $\psi_j(\sum_{i=1}^k b_i u_i^k) = b_j$ if $k \geq j$ and then extend them by continuity to E . By (3) we have, for every $x \in E$, $\|x\| = \sup_{1 \leq j < \infty} |\psi_j(x)|$. Since $u_n^k = \sum_{j=1}^{n(k)} b_{h,j}^k e_j^{n(k)}$ where $b_{h,i(j)}^k = \delta_{h,i}$ we get that $\phi_{i(j)}(u_n^k) = \delta_{h,i} = \psi_j(u_n^k)$ for $1 \leq j, h \leq k$. Hence $\psi_j(x) = \phi_{i(j)}(x)$ for all $x \in E$ and thus

$$(5) \quad \|x\| = \sup_j |\phi_{i(j)}(x)|.$$

In the sequel we will need the following well known

LEMMA 3. Let $\{w_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$ be a sequence of elements of c_0 where $w_k = (\omega_1^k, \omega_2^k, \dots)$ and assume that the following conditions are satisfied:

$$(6) \quad \omega_k^k = 1 \quad \text{for every } k$$

$$(7) \quad \sum_{k=1; k \neq i}^\infty |\omega_i^k| \leq 1/2.$$

Then $c_0 = \text{span } \{w_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$.

PROOF. Let U be the operator defined by $U(\sum_{k=1}^\infty \gamma_k e_k) = \sum_{k=1}^\infty \gamma_k w_k$ where $\{e_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$ denotes the usual unit vector basis in c_0 . Since U is given by the matrix $|\omega_n^k|$, we get by (6) and (7) that $\|I - U\| \leq 1/2$, where I is the identity on c_0 . It follows that U is invertible and hence $c_0 = \text{span } \{w_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$.

3. **Proof of Theorem 1.** Let X be a separable Banach space whose dual is an L_1 space. By Proposition 1 there is a system $\{e_i^n\}_{i=1}^n$ $n = 1, 2, \dots$ of bases of the type described in the beginning of §2. Consider the functionals $\{\phi_j\}_{j=1}^\infty$ constructed there; by the ω^* sequential compactness of the unit ball in X^* there is a subsequence $\{\phi_{n(j)}\}_{j=1}^\infty$ of $\{\phi_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ which converges ω^* to a functional ϕ . By Lemma 2, the subspace $E = \text{span } \{e_{n(j)}^{n(j)}\}_{j=1}^\infty$ has an L_1 space as a dual and if ψ_j and ψ denote the restrictions of $\phi_{n(j)}$ and ϕ to E respectively, the following conditions are satisfied:

$$(8) \quad \|x\| = \sup_{1 \leq j} |\psi_j(x)|,$$

$$(9) \quad \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \psi_j(x) = \psi(x),$$

for every $x \in E$. Construct now in E the bases $\{u_j^k\}_{j=1}^k$ $k=1, 2, \dots$ satisfying (a), (b) and (c) of Lemma 2. It follows from (c) that for any choice of the signs $\|\sum_{i=1}^k \pm u_i^k\| = 1$ and therefore, for any k we have

$$(10) \quad \sum_{i=1}^k |\psi(u_i^k)| \leq 1.$$

Put $p(1) = 16$ and choose $q(1)$, $1 \leq q(1) \leq 16$, such that $|\psi(u_{q(1)}^{p(1)})| \leq 16^{-1}$. Denote $\mu_1 = \psi(u_{q(1)}^{p(1)})$ and choose

$$\begin{aligned} p(2) &\geq 4 \cdot 8^2 && \text{if } \mu_1 = 0 \\ &\geq 32^{-1} \mu_1^{-1} && \text{if } \mu_1 \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

so large that

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi_h(u_{q(1)}^{p(1)}) - \mu_1| &\leq 16^{-1} && \text{if } \mu_1 = 0 \\ &\leq 2^{-1} \mu_1 && \text{if } \mu_1 \neq 0 \end{aligned} \quad \text{for all } h \geq 2^{-1} p(2).$$

By (10) we can choose $q(2)$, $2^{-1} p(2) \leq q(2) \leq p(2)$, such that

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi(u_{q(2)}^{p(2)})| &\leq 2^{-1} \cdot 8^{-2} && \text{if } \mu_1 = 0 \\ &\leq 2^{-1} \cdot 8^{-1} \mu_1 && \text{if } \mu_1 \neq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Put $\mu_2 = \psi(u_{q(2)}^{p(2)})$. Proceeding by induction we define two increasing sequences $p(k)$ and $q(k)$ of positive integers such that if μ_k denotes $\psi(u_{q(k)}^{p(k)}) = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \psi_j(u_{q(k)}^{p(k)})$ then the following inequalities are satisfied:

$$(11) \quad \begin{aligned} |\mu_k| &\leq 2^{-1} \cdot 8^{-k} && \text{if } \mu_{k-1} = 0 \\ &\leq 32^{-1} \mu_{k-1} && \text{if } \mu_{k-1} \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$(12) \quad \begin{aligned} |\psi_h(u_{q(k)}^{p(k)}) - \mu_k| &\leq 2^{-1} \cdot 8^{-k} && \text{if } \mu_{k-1} = 0 \\ &\leq 2^{-1} \mu_{k-1} && \text{if } \mu_{k-1} \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all $h \geq 2^{-1} p(k+1)$.

$$(13) \quad p(k+1) \geq q(k+1) \geq 2^{-1} p(k+1) > p(k).$$

Now, either (I) there is an N such that $\mu_k \neq 0$ for all $k > N$, or (II) there exists a sequence $\{i(k)\}_{k=1}^\infty$ of positive integers such that $\mu_{i(k)} = 0$ for all k . Suppose that (I) holds, then we define for $k > N$

$$\alpha_k = 1 - \mu_{2k-1}^{-1} \cdot \mu_{2k} \cdot \psi_{q(2k)}(u_{q(2k-1)}^{p(2k-1)})$$

and

$$v_k = \alpha_k \cdot (u_{q(2k)}^{-1} - \mu_{2k-1}^{-1} \cdot \mu_{2k} \cdot u_{q(2k-1)}^{p(2k-1)}).$$

Using (11) and (12) one can easily prove that the elements v_k of E satisfy the following conditions:

- (14) $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \psi_j(v_k) = 0,$
- (15) $\psi_{q(2k)}(v_k) = 1,$
- (16) $|\psi_{q(i)}(v_k)| \leq 3 \cdot 2^{-1} \cdot 8^{-2k}$ if $i > 2k$
 $\leq 7^{-1}$ if $i = 2k - 1$
 ≤ 0 if $i < 2k - 1.$

It follows from (16) that

$$(17) \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |\psi_{q(2n-1)}(v_k)| \leq 1/4 \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\sum_{k=1; k \neq n}^{\infty} |\psi_{q(2n)}(v_k)| \leq 1/4$$

We apply now (4) and Lemma 2 to the space $E = \text{span}\{u_k^k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ where $\{u_i^k\}_{i=1}^k, \psi_k, p(k)$ and $q(k)$ play the role of $\{e_i^k\}_{i=1}^k, \phi_k, n(k)$, and $i(k)$ of Lemma 2, respectively, and we get that for each $u \in U = \text{span}\{u_{q(k)}^{p(k)}\}_{k=1}^{\infty}, \|u\| = \sup_{1 \leq k} |\psi_{q(k)}(u)|$. We claim that if $v \in V_0 = \text{span}\{v_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ then $\|v\| = \sup_{1 \leq k} |\psi_{q(2k)}(v)|$. Indeed, if $v = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i v_i$ and $|\lambda_s| = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |\lambda_i|$ for some $1 \leq s \leq n$ then by (17), for any $k, \psi_{q(2k-1)}(v) \leq \frac{1}{4} |\lambda_s|$ while $|\psi_{q(2s)}(v)| \geq 3/4 |\lambda_s|$, and this proves the assertion. Define now a sequence $\{w_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ in c_0 by $w_k = (\psi_{q(2)}(v_k), \psi_{q(4)}(v_k), \psi_{q(6)}(v_k), \dots)$. Our discussion above shows that the subspace $V_0 = \text{span}\{v_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ of X is isometric to the subspace $W = \text{span}\{w_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ of c_0 (the transformation $T: V_0 \rightarrow W$ defined by $T(\sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i v_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i w_i$ for any $\sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i v_i \in V_0$ can be extended to the desired isometry). The sequence $\{w_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ satisfies, by (15) and (17), the assumptions of Lemma 3 and hence $W = c_0$. It is easy to see that (15), (16), and (17) yield the existence of a sequence $\{y_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ in V_0 such that $\psi_{q(2j)}(y_k) = \delta_{j,k}, k, j = 1, 2, \dots$. Consider the sequence $\{y_{2k-1} - y_{2k}\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$; obviously it spans in V_0 a subspace V isometric to c_0 and

$$(18) \quad \left\| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \lambda_k (y_{2k-1} - y_{2k}) \right\| = \max_{1 \leq k} |\lambda_k|$$

for any sequence $\{\lambda_k\}$ in c_0 . We note that ψ_j is defined to be the restriction of $\phi_{n(j)}$ to E and that $\{n(j)\}$ are chosen such that $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \phi_{n(j)}(x)$ exists for all $x \in X$. Put $\bar{\phi}_j = \phi_{n(q(2j))}$ and define for every $x \in X$

$$Px = 2^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (\bar{\phi}_{2^{j-1}}(x) - \bar{\phi}_{2^j}(x))(y_{2^{j-1}} - y_{2^j}).$$

The transformation P is obviously a projection from X onto V since $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} (\phi_{2^{j-1}}(x) - \phi_{2^j}(x)) = 0$ for all $x \in X$. Moreover, $\|Px\| = 2^{-1} \sup_{1 \leq j} |\bar{\phi}_{2^{j-1}}(x) - \bar{\phi}_{2^j}(x)| \leq \|x\|$ by Corollary 2, and hence $\|P\| = 1$.

It remains to consider the possibility (II). If (II) holds, we define $v_k = \psi_{q(i(k))}^{(k)}$ and $w_k = (\psi_{q(i(1))}(v_k), \psi_{q(i(2))}(v_k), \dots)$ in c_0 . Again, let $W = \text{span}\{w_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ and $V_0 = \text{span}\{v_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$, it is easy to show that V_0 and W are isometric and that the sequence $\{w_k\}$ satisfies the assumptions of Lemma 3, and hence V_0 is isometric to c_0 . The construction of V and P is done exactly in the same way. This proves Theorem 1.

4. Concluding remarks. A. Let X be a separable Banach space whose dual is an L_1 space and assume that the unit cell of X has at least one extreme point. Then X contains a subspace V isometric to c ($=$ the space of convergent sequences $\lambda = \{\lambda_n\}$ of reals with $\|\lambda\| = \sup_n |\lambda_n|$) such that there is a projection of norm 1 from X onto V . This assertion follows from the following considerations (which are only a sketch of the proof): It was observed by Semadeni [6] that a space satisfying the assumptions of our assertion is isometric to a space $\mathcal{Q}(s)$ of affine continuous functions on a Choquet simplex s . Using the methods of [5] one can show that if e denotes the unit function on s then the bases $\{e_i^n\}_{i=1}^n, n = 1, 2, \dots$ can be chosen such that $e = e_1^1$ and $\bar{\phi}_j(e) = 1$ for all j . The proof of Theorem 1 now shows that the subspace V spanned by $\{y_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ and e_1^1 in X is isometric to c . The desired projection is given by $P(x) = \phi(x)e_1^1 + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (\bar{\phi}_j(x) - \phi(x))y_j$.

B. Given a sequence $\{m(i)\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$ of positive integers, the space X and the system $\{e_i^n\}_{i=1}^n$ of bases described at the beginning of §2 we define $x_i = e_i^{s(k)}$ if $s(k-1) < i \leq s(k)$, where $s(0) = 0$ and $s(k) = \sum_{i=1}^k m(i)$. The sequence $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$ satisfies the property that

$$\left\| \sum_{i=s(k)+1}^{s(k+1)} \lambda_i x_i \right\| = \max_{s(k) < i \leq s(k+1)} |\lambda_i|$$

and by the proof of Lemma 2 it forms a basis in X . Call the bases $\{x_n\}$ and $\{y_n\}$ *equivalent* if the convergence of $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \alpha_i x_i$ is equivalent to the convergence of $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \alpha_i y_i$ for any real sequence $\{\alpha_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$. It follows that if the basis $\{e_k^k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ of X is not equivalent to the unit vector basis of c_0 then by choosing the sequence $\{m(i)\}$ suitably one can construct infinitely many mutually nonequivalent bases of the form $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$.

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