

A GEOMETRIC CHARACTERIZATION OF FRÉCHET SPACES WITH THE RADON-NIKODYM PROPERTY ¹

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ABSTRACT. Let F be a locally convex Fréchet space. F is said to have the *Radon-Nikodym* property if for every positive finite measure space (Ω, Σ, μ) , and every μ -continuous vector measure $m: \Sigma \rightarrow F$ of bounded variation, there exists an integrable function $f: \Omega \rightarrow F$ such that $m(S) = \int_S f(\omega) d\mu(\omega)$, for every $S \in \Sigma$. Maynard proved that a Banach space has the Radon-Nikodym property iff it is an s -dentable space. It is the purpose of this paper to give the following analogous characterization: A Fréchet space F has the Radon-Nikodym property iff F is s -dentable.

0. Introduction. In [8], Maynard obtained some equivalent geometric conditions for the average range of a vector measure in the characterization of Rieffel's Radon-Nikodym theorem [11, Main theorem, p. 466]. Based on these results, Maynard [9, Theorem 2.2] recently extended Rieffel's [12, Theorem 1] condition on the dentability of the average range to s -dentability of the average range. It was shown in [2], [7] that all of these results can be extended to locally convex Fréchet spaces; see § 2. As a consequence, the geometric characterization of Fréchet spaces having the Radon-Nikodym property will be proved in § 3 below.

1. Preliminaries. Let (Ω, Σ, μ) be a positive finite measure space, where Ω is an abstract set, Σ is a σ -algebra of subsets of Ω , and μ is a real-valued measure defined on Σ . Without loss of generality, one can assume that Σ is μ -complete. Let $\Sigma^+ \equiv \{S \in \Sigma \mid \mu(S) > 0\}$.

Throughout this paper, let F be a locally convex Fréchet space, and $\mathcal{U} \equiv \{U_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ be a fundamental decreasing sequence of closed absolutely

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convex subsets which forms a 0-neighborhood base for F . For $U \in \mathcal{U}$, let p_U denote the associated continuous seminorm.

A function $f: \Omega \rightarrow F$ is said to be *simple* iff f is of the form $f(\omega) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i I_{S_i}(\omega), \forall \omega \in \Omega$, where $\{S_i\}_{i=1}^n \subseteq \Sigma$ are disjoint and $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^n \subseteq F$. A function $f: \Omega \rightarrow F$ is said to be *strongly measurable* iff there exists a sequence of simple functions $\{f_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ such that $f(\omega) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(\omega), \forall \omega \in \Omega$. Let $\mathfrak{M}(\Omega, \mu; F) = \{f: \Omega \rightarrow F \mid f \text{ is strongly measurable}\}$. If F is a Banach space, then $\mathfrak{M}(\Omega, \mu; F)$ is precisely the Bochner measurable functions.

Let f be strongly measurable, hence Borel measurable. Thus $\forall U \in \mathcal{U}, p_U(f)$ is Borel measurable. If $\forall U \in \mathcal{U}, \int_\Omega p_U(f) d\mu < \infty$, then f is said to be *integrable*. In this case define $q_U(f) \equiv \int_\Omega p_U(f) d\mu$. Let $\mathcal{L}^1(\Omega, \mu; F)$ be the space of all integrable functions, and let $\mathcal{L}^1(\Omega, \mu; F)/\mathfrak{N}$, where $\mathfrak{N} \equiv \{f \in \mathcal{L}^1(\Omega, \mu; F) \mid q_U(f) = 0, \forall U \in \mathcal{U}\}$. $L^1(\Omega, \mu; F)$ is a Fréchet space topologized by the family of seminorms $\{q_U \mid U \in \mathcal{U}\}$. If F is a Banach space, then $L^1(\Omega, \mu; F)$ is just the Banach space of Bochner integrable functions.

Let $m: \Sigma \rightarrow F$ be a vector measure. For every $U \in \mathcal{U}$, the *U-variation* of m over S is defined to be

$$V(m, U)(S) \equiv \sup \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n p_U(m(S_i)) \mid S_i \in \Sigma, \text{ disjoint}, 1 \leq i \leq n, S_i \subseteq S \right\}.$$

$V(m, U)(\cdot)$ is an extended real-valued measure. m is said to have *bounded variation* if $V(m, U)(\Omega) < \infty, \forall U \in \mathcal{U}$. m is μ -*continuous*, denoted by $m \ll \mu$ if $\mu(S) = 0, S \in \Sigma$, implies $m(S) = 0$. It is clear that $m \ll \mu$ iff $\forall U \in \mathcal{U}, V(m, U)(\cdot) \ll \mu$. If $f \in L^1(\Omega, \mu; F)$ and $\mu_f(S) \equiv \int_S f d\mu$, then μ_f is a vector measure, and $\forall U \in \mathcal{U}, p_U(\mu_f(S)) \leq \int_S p_U(f) d\mu, V(\mu_f, U)(S) = \int_S p_U(f) d\mu$, and μ_f is of bounded variation.

For $S \in \Sigma^+$, the *average range* of m over S is defined to be the set

$$A_S(m) \equiv \{m(T)/\mu(T) \mid T \in \Sigma^+, \text{ and } T \subseteq S\}.$$

Let E be an arbitrary locally convex space, and $D \subseteq E$ be a subset. \bar{D} denotes the *closure* of D, \bar{D}^σ the $\sigma(E, E^1)$ -closure, $c(D)$ the *convex hull* of D , and

$$s(D) \equiv \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^\infty \alpha_i d_i \mid \alpha_i > 0, \sum_{i=1}^\infty \alpha_i = 1, \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^\infty \alpha_i d_i \text{ converges, } d_i \in D, i \geq 1 \right\},$$

the *s-convex hull* of D . It is clear that $D \subseteq c(D) \subseteq s(D) \subseteq c(D)$. D is said to have *width at most U* iff $D - D \subseteq U$, i.e., $p_U(x - y) < 1, \forall x, y \in D$.

Definition 1.1. $D \subseteq E$ is said to be *dentable* [*s-dentable*] iff $\forall U \in \mathcal{U}$, there exists $d \in D$ such that $d \notin \bar{c}(D \setminus \{d + U\})$ [$d \notin s(D \setminus \{d + U\})$].

If D is not dentable [s -dentable], then any $U \in \mathcal{U}$ such that $\forall d \in D$, $d \in \bar{c}(D \setminus \{d + U\})$ [$d \in s(D \setminus \{d + U\})$] is said to be a *nondenting* [*non- s -denting*] neighborhood for D . If D is dentable, then D is s -dentable. For the proof of the following results as well as other properties of dentability and s -dentability, see [2], [9], [10], [12].

Theorem 1.1. *Let F be a Fréchet space. Every relatively weakly compact subset of F is dentable, and hence s -dentable.*

2. Radon-Nikodym theorems. Theorem 2.1 and Theorem 2.2 below are proved in [2], [7]. For the Banach space version, Theorem 2.1 was due to Rieffel [11, Main theorem, p. 466], and Theorem 2.2 was due to Maynard [8, Theorem 3.1, p. 457].

Theorem 2.1. *Let (Ω, Σ, μ) be a positive finite measure space, and F a Fréchet space. Let $m: \Sigma \rightarrow F$ be a vector measure. Then $m = \mu_f$ for some $f \in L^1(\Omega, \mu; F)$ iff*

- (i) $m \ll \mu$,
- (ii) m has bounded variation,
- (iii) m has locally relatively compact [or s -dentable] average range, i. e., $\forall S \in \Sigma^+$, there exists $T \in \Sigma^+$, $T \subseteq S$ such that $A_T(m)$ is relatively compact [or s -dentable].

The next theorem will be used crucially in the proof of Theorem 3.1.

Theorem 2.2. *Let (Ω, Σ, μ) be a positive finite measure space, F a Fréchet space, and $m: \Sigma \rightarrow F$ a μ -continuous vector measure of bounded variation. Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i) given $S \in \Sigma^+$, there exists $T \in \Sigma^+$, $T \subseteq S$ such that $A_T(m)$ is relatively compact.
- (ii) given $S \in \Sigma^+$, and $U \in \mathcal{U}$, there exists $T \in \Sigma^+$, $T \subseteq S$ such that $A_T(m)$ has width at most U , i. e., $A_T(m) - A_T(m) \subseteq U$.

3. On Fréchet spaces with the Radon-Nikodym property. As in the case of Banach spaces, the concept of s -dentability provides a simple characterization of Fréchet spaces with the Radon-Nikodym property.

Definition 3.1. A Fréchet space F is said to have the *Radon-Nikodym Property*, RNP for short, iff for any positive measure space (Ω, Σ, μ) and any $m: \Sigma \rightarrow F$, μ -continuous vector measure of bounded variation, there exists $f \in L^1(\Omega, \mu; F)$ such that $m = \mu_f$.

The following lemma will motivate the next definition as well as the main theorem. For a proof of this lemma, see [7, Corollary 3.2].

Lemma 3.1. *Let (Ω, Σ, μ) be a positive finite measure space, and $m: \Sigma \rightarrow F$ a μ -continuous vector measure of bounded variation; then m has locally bounded average range, i.e., $\forall S \in \Sigma^+, T \subseteq S$ such that $A_T(m)$ is bounded.*

Definition 3.2. A Fréchet space F is said to be *s-dentable* iff every bounded subset of F is *s-dentable*.

Now the main result will be proved. The proof will be given in several stages and contains a modification of the proof presented in [9, Theorem 3.1].

Theorem 3.1. *A Fréchet space F has the Radon-Nikodym property iff F is s-dentable.*

Proof. Necessity follows from Lemma 3.1 and Theorem 2.1. To prove sufficiency, it will be shown that one can construct a positive complete finite measure space (Ω, Σ, μ) , and a μ -continuous vector measure $m: \Sigma \rightarrow F$ of bounded variation such that m has no Radon-Nikodym derivative.

Stage 1. Construction of the measurable space (Ω, Σ) . Let $\Omega = [0, 1)$ with the Euclidean topology, and let $\{\pi_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ be an increasing sequence of infinite partitions of $[0, 1)$ having the following properties:

(i) $\pi_n = \{A_z^n\}_{z \in N^n}$, where N is the set of positive integers, and $A_z^n = [a_z^n, b_z^n)$.

(ii) For every $n \in N$, and every $z \in N^n$, $b_{(z,i)}^{n+1} = a_{(z,i+1)}^{n+1}$.

(iii) For every $n \in N$, and every $z \in N^n$, $A_z^n = \bigcup_{i=1}^\infty A_{(z,i)}^{n+1}$, where $(z, i) \in N^n \times N$.

Let $\pi = \bigcup_{n=1}^\infty \pi_n$, and let \mathcal{R}_0 be the ring generated by π . It should be noted that π is countable and is not a semiring. It is easy to see that

$$(1) \quad \mathcal{R}_0 = \left\{ S_1 \cup S_2 \mid S_1 = \bigcup_{i=1}^{n_1} A_{z_i}^{k_i}, S_2 = \bigcup_{i=1}^{n_2} \left[\bigcup_{j=p_i}^\infty A_{(z_i,j)}^{r_i+1} \right], S_1 \cap S_2 = \emptyset \right\},$$

and that \mathcal{R}_0 is not an algebra. Let \mathcal{R} be the algebra generated by π . It should be pointed out that neither \mathcal{R}_0 nor \mathcal{R} contains a base for the Euclidean topology of $[0, 1)$. However, \mathcal{R}_0 does contain a base for the right half-open interval topology on $[0, 1)$, which is strictly finer than the Euclidean topology [6, p. 37]. Let \mathcal{D} be the δ -ring generated by π , \mathcal{B} the δ -ring generated by compact subsets of $[0, 1)$ (\mathcal{B} is called the family of relatively compact Borel sets of $[0, 1)$ in [5, p. 287]). Let

$$(2) \quad \mathcal{C} \equiv \{S \subseteq [0, 1) \mid S \cap B \in \mathcal{B}, \forall B \in \mathcal{B}\}.$$

\mathcal{C} is a σ -algebra [5, p. 290]. One has the following inclusion relations:

$$(3) \quad \pi \subseteq \mathcal{R}_0 \subseteq \mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathcal{B} \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{R}_0) = \sigma(\mathcal{R}) \subseteq \mathcal{C}.$$

Note that $\mathcal{R} \not\subseteq \mathcal{B}$, since $[0, 1) \notin \mathcal{B}$. The third inclusion is seen as follows.

Let $[a, b) \subseteq [0, 1)$. Let $a_i = a$, $a < b_i < b$ such that $b_i < b_j$, $i < j$ and $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} b_i = b$. Then $[a, b) = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} [a_i, b_i)$. However, $[a_i, b_i) \in \mathcal{B}$, $[a_i, b_i) \subseteq [a, b) \in \mathcal{B}$, so by property (4) of [5, p. 4], $[a, b) \in \mathcal{B}$. This implies that $\pi \subseteq \mathcal{B}$. But \mathcal{B} is a δ -ring, so $\mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$. To see the fourth inclusion, recall that every open subset $V \subseteq [0, 1)$ has the structure

$$(4) \quad V = [0, b) \cup \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} (a_i, b_i),$$

where $[0, b) \in \pi$, $(a_i, b_i) \subset [0, 1)$. However, $\forall i \geq 1$, $(a_i, b_i) = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} [a_{ij}, b_{ij})$, where $a_i < a_{ij} < b_i$, $b_{ij} = b_i$, $\forall j \geq 1$, and $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} a_{ij} = a_i$. Thus every open subset of $[0, 1)$ is in $\sigma(\mathcal{R})$. Now if $K \subset [0, 1)$ is a compact set, then $[0, 1) \setminus K \in \sigma(\mathcal{R})$. This implies $K \in \sigma(\mathcal{R})$, hence $\mathcal{B} \subset \sigma(\mathcal{R})$. The definition of Σ will be given in Stage 3.

Stage 2. Construction of μ and m on \mathcal{R}_0 . Let $D \subset F$ be a nonempty bounded not s -dentable set. There exists then $U_0 \in \mathcal{U}$, and $\alpha_0 > 0$ such that

- (a) U_0 is a non- s -denting neighborhood for D , i.e., $\forall d \in D, d \in s(D \setminus \{d + U_0\})$, and
- (b) $D \subset \alpha_0 U_0$.

One defines μ and m inductively on π as follows:

(i) Let $d_0 \in D$ be arbitrary. By (a), there exists $\alpha_i^1 > 0, i \geq 1$, $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \alpha_i^1 = 1$, and $\{d_i^1\}_{i=1}^{\infty} \subseteq D \setminus \{d_0 + U_0\}$ such that $d_0 = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \alpha_i^1 d_i^1$. On π_1 , define $\mu(A_i^1) = \alpha_i^1$, and $m(A_i^1) = \alpha_i^1 d_i^1, i \geq 1$.

(ii) Now suppose that μ and m have been defined on π_n such that $\forall n \in N$, and $\forall z \in N^n, m(A_z^n)/\mu(A_z^n) = d_z^n \in D, \forall A_z^n \in \pi_n$. Since D is not s -dentable, there exists $\alpha_{(z,i)}^{n+1} > 0, \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \alpha_{(z,i)}^{n+1} = 1$, and $\{d_{(z,i)}^{n+1}\}_{i=1}^{\infty} \subseteq D \setminus \{d_z^n + U_0\}$ such that $d_z^n = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \alpha_{(z,i)}^{n+1} d_{(z,i)}^{n+1}$. Define

$$\mu(A_{(z,i)}^{n+1}) \equiv \alpha_{(z,i)}^{n+1} \quad \text{and} \quad m(A_{(z,i)}^{n+1}) \equiv \alpha_{(z,i)}^{n+1} d_{(z,i)}^{n+1}.$$

Observe that

$$(5) \quad m(A_{(z,i)}^{n+1})/\mu(A_{(z,i)}^{n+1}) - m(A_z^n)/\mu(A_z^n) \notin U_0.$$

By induction, μ and m are thus defined on all of π satisfying the crucial ‘horizontal’ countable additivity property: $\forall A_z^n \in \pi$,

$$(6) \quad \mu(A_z^n) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_{(z,i)}^{n+1}) \quad \text{and} \quad m(A_z^n) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} m(A_{(z,i)}^{n+1}).$$

Now μ and m will be defined on \mathcal{R}_0 as follows: Let

$$S_1 = \bigcup_{i=1}^{n_1} A_{z_i}^{k_i} \quad \text{and} \quad S_2 = \bigcup_{i=1}^{n_2} \bigcup_{j=p_i}^{\infty} A_{(z_i,j)}^{r_i+1}$$

such that $S_1 \cap S_2 = \emptyset$. Define

$$(7) \quad \mu(S_1) \equiv \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} \mu(A_{z_i}^{k_i}) \quad \text{and} \quad m(S_1) \equiv \sum_{i=1}^{n_1} m(A_{z_i}^{k_i}).$$

Using (6) and (7), one can define

$$(8) \quad \begin{aligned} (a) \quad \mu(S_2) &= \sum_{i=1}^{n_2} \left[\mu(A_{z_i}^{r_i}) - \sum_{j=1}^{p_i-1} \mu(A_{(z_i,j)}^{r_i+1}) \right], \quad \text{and} \\ (b) \quad m(S_2) &\equiv \sum_{i=1}^{n_2} \left[m(A_{z_i}^{r_i}) - \sum_{j=1}^{p_i-1} m(A_{(z_i,j)}^{r_i+1}) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Finally define $\mu(S_1 \cup S_2) \equiv \mu(S_1) + \mu(S_2)$, and $m(S_1 \cup S_2) \equiv m(S_1) + m(S_2)$ where the right sides of the above equations are defined by (7) and (8).

It is easy to check that μ and m are finitely additive on \mathcal{R}_0 , and that μ is a positive set function of bounded variation. In fact, the variation of μ is bounded by 1. Furthermore, by first proving for sets of π then for sets of \mathcal{R}_0 by using the definition of m on π and the structure of \mathcal{R}_0 , (1), one can show that $\forall U \in \mathcal{U}$, there exists $\alpha_U > 0$ such that

$$(9) \quad p_U(m(A)) < \alpha_U \mu(A), \quad \forall A \in \mathcal{R}_0.$$

Stage 3. Extension of μ and m . Using the ‘‘horizontal’’ countable additivity property (6) and the structure of π_n , one can prove that μ is regular on π relative to \mathcal{R}_0 , i.e., $\forall A \in \pi$, and $\forall \epsilon > 0$, there exist $C, V \in \mathcal{R}_0$ such that $C \subseteq A \subseteq V^0$, and $\mu(H) < \epsilon$, $\forall H \in \mathcal{R}_0, H \subseteq V \setminus C$ (see [9, p. 11]). Then knowing the structure of \mathcal{R}_0 , and (1), one can prove by direct computation that μ is regular on \mathcal{R}_0 relative to \mathcal{R}_0 (this was termed regular R_2 in [4, p. 508]). Hence by Theorem 3 of [4, p. 510], μ is countably additive on \mathcal{R}_0 . By the Carathéodory extension procedure, μ can be extended to a unique finite positive measure μ_1 on $\mathcal{C}(\mu)$, the class of μ -measurable sets [5, Corollary 4, Proposition 6, p. 72, Definition 3, p. 67]. Since μ_1 is finite, $\Sigma(\mu)$, the class of μ -integrable sets coincide in this case with $\mathcal{C}(\mu)$, and μ_1

is a complete measure on $\Sigma(\mu)$ [5, Proposition 12, Definition 6, p. 75]. Furthermore, \mathcal{R}_0 is μ_1 -dense in $\Sigma(\mu)$, i.e., $\forall S \in \Sigma(\mu)$, and $\forall \epsilon > 0$, there exists $B \in \mathcal{R}_0$ such that $\mu_1(S \Delta B) < \epsilon$ [5, Proposition 13, p. 76]. It should be emphasized that the extension procedure need not preserve regularity! Hence μ_1 need not be regular on $\Sigma(\mu)$, in fact, μ_1 need not even be regular on $\sigma(\mathcal{R})$, in the sense that $\forall S \in \sigma(\mathcal{R})$ and $\forall \epsilon > 0$, there exists $C, V \subseteq [0, 1)$ such that $\bar{C} \subseteq S \subseteq V^0$, and $\mu(H) < \epsilon, \forall H \in \sigma(\mathcal{R}), H \subseteq V \setminus C$, without the requirement that $C, V \in \sigma(\mathcal{R})$.

Let $\Sigma(\mu)$ be denoted by Σ , and μ_1 again by μ . Since μ is countably additive, (9) and Lemma 1 of [4, p. 506] implies that m is countably additive on \mathcal{R}_0 . Since F is complete, μ is countable additive, and \mathcal{R}_0 is μ -dense in Σ , one can prove (analogous to the proof of Theorem 1, p. 62 of [5]) that m can be extended to a measure $m_1: \Sigma \rightarrow F$ such that $\forall U \in \mathcal{U}$, there exists $\alpha_U > 0$ such that

$$(10) \quad P_U(m_1(S)) \leq \alpha_U \mu(S), \quad \forall S \in \Sigma.$$

Since μ is of bounded variation on Σ , it follows from (10) that m_1 has bounded variation on Σ . Again m_1 need not be regular on Σ , or on $\sigma(\mathcal{R})$.

Let m_1 be denoted by m .

The restriction of μ to \mathcal{B} is a positive finite measure, so by Corollary 2 of [5, p. 347], $\mu: \mathcal{B} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is a regular Borel measure (i.e., $\forall B \in \mathcal{B}$ and $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $C, V \subseteq [0, 1)$ such that $\bar{C} \subseteq B \subseteq V^0$, and $\mu(H) < \epsilon, \forall H \in \mathcal{B}, H \subseteq V \setminus C$). Now from (10) and Lemma 3 of [4, p. 509], $m: \mathcal{B} \rightarrow F$ is a regular Borel measure of bounded variation. However, the regularity of m on \mathcal{B} will not be needed.

Thus one has constructed a measure space (Ω, Σ, μ) and a μ -continuous vector measure $m: \Sigma \rightarrow F$ of bounded variation such that the restrictions of μ and m to \mathcal{B} are regular Borel measures.

Stage 4. $m \neq \mu_f$, for any $f \in L^1(\Omega, \mu; F)$. It suffices to show that $\forall B \in \mathcal{B}^+, A_B(m)$ has width at least $\frac{1}{2}U_0$. (In fact, it should be pointed out that it is not necessarily true that every $S \in \sigma(\mathcal{R})^+, A_S(m)$ has width at least $\frac{1}{2}U_0$.)

Let $B \in \mathcal{B}^+$. By regularity of μ on \mathcal{B} , one can find a compact C and an open V such that

$$(i) \quad \bar{C} \subseteq B \subseteq V^0,$$

$$(ii) \quad \mu(H) < (1/16 \alpha_0) \mu(B), \quad \forall H \in \mathcal{B}, H \subseteq V \setminus C, \text{ where } D \subseteq \alpha_0 U_0.$$

Now by the third and fourth inclusions in (3) and Proposition 7 of [5, p. 73], one has

$$(iii) \quad \mu(V \setminus C) \leq (1/16 \alpha_0) \mu(B), \text{ where } D \subseteq \alpha_0 U_0.$$

Now by the structure of V , and (4), there exists $\{A_i\}_{i=1}^\infty \subset \pi$ such that

(iv) $C \subseteq \bigcup_{i=1}^\infty A_i \subseteq V$.

There exists at least one A_{i_0} such that

(11)
$$\mu(A_{i_0} \setminus B) / \mu(A_{i_0}) \leq 1/8\alpha_0.$$

Let $G = A_{i_0} \cap B \in \mathcal{B}$. Then $G \subseteq B$, and $\mu(G) > 0$. Since $A_{i_0} \in \pi$, by taking the next partition of A_{i_0} , there exists disjoint $\{C_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$ such that $A_{i_0} = \bigcup_{k=1}^\infty C_k$. Claim that there exists C_n such that

(12)
$$\mu(C_n \setminus B) < (1/8\alpha_0)\mu(C_n).$$

For otherwise,

$$\mu(A_{i_0} \setminus B) = \mu\left(\bigcup_{k=1}^\infty (C_k \setminus B)\right) > \frac{1}{8\alpha_0} \sum_{k=1}^\infty \mu(C_k) = \frac{1}{8\alpha_0} \mu(A_{i_0})$$

which contradicts (11).

Let $H = C_n \cap B \in \mathcal{B}$. Since C_k belongs to the next partition of A_{i_0} , by (5),

(13)
$$P_{U_0}(m(A_{i_0})/\mu(A_{i_0}) - m(C_n)/\mu(C_n)) > 1.$$

Direct computation shows that

(14)
$$P_{U_0}\left(\frac{m(G)}{\mu(G)} - \frac{m(A_{i_0})}{\mu(A_{i_0})}\right) < \frac{1}{4} \quad \text{and} \quad P_{U_0}\left(\frac{m(H)}{\mu(H)} - \frac{m(C_n)}{\mu(C_n)}\right) < \frac{1}{4}.$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} P_{U_0}\left(\frac{m(G)}{\mu(G)} - \frac{m(H)}{\mu(H)}\right) &\geq P_{U_0}\left(\frac{m(A_{i_0})}{\mu(A_{i_0})} - \frac{m(C_n)}{\mu(C_n)}\right) \\ &\quad - P_{U_0}\left(\frac{m(A_{i_0})}{\mu(A_{i_0})} - \frac{m(G)}{\mu(G)}\right) - P_{U_0}\left(\frac{m(H)}{\mu(H)} - \frac{m(C_n)}{\mu(C_n)}\right) \\ &> 1 - 1/4 - 1/4 \quad (\text{by (13) and (14)}) \\ &> 1/2. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

(15)
$$m(G)/\mu(G) - m(H)/\mu(H) \notin \frac{1}{2}U_0.$$

Thus $\forall B \in \mathcal{B}^+, A_B(m)$ has width at least $\frac{1}{2}U_0$, so by Theorem 2.1

and Theorem 2.2, $m \neq \mu_p$, for any $f \in L^1(\Omega, \mu; F)$. For if there exists such an f , then by Theorem 2.1 and Theorem 2.2, $\forall S \in \Sigma^+, \forall U \in \mathcal{U}$, there exists $T \in \Sigma^+, T \subseteq S$ such that $A_T(m)$ has width at most U . This should hold in particular for every $B \in \mathcal{B}^+ \subseteq \sigma(\mathcal{R})^+$. In view of (15), this is not possible for $U = \frac{1}{2}U_0$. For suppose there exists $T \in \sigma(\mathcal{R})^+, T \subseteq B$, such that $A_T(m)$ has width at most $\frac{1}{2}U_0$. But by the definition of \mathcal{C} , (2), and the last inclusion relation in (3), $T \in \mathcal{B}^+$, and hence by (15), $A_T(m)$ has width at least $\frac{1}{2}U_0$, hence a contradiction. Q.E.D.

As a corollary, one deduces the following result of [7].

Corollary 3.1. *Every reflexive Fréchet space F has the RNP.*

Proof. If F is a reflexive Fréchet space, then by Theorem 5.6 of [11, p. 145], every bounded set $D \subseteq F$ is relatively weakly compact. By Theorem 1.1, D is s -dentable, and so by Theorem 3.1, F has RNP. Q.E.D.

Remark 3.1. The above corollary holds, in particular, if F is a nuclear Fréchet space, or separable dual of a barreled (DF)-space, or Fréchet-Montel space.

Remark 3.2. Corollary 3.1 shows that in a reflexive Fréchet space, every bounded set is dentable. Whether this remains true if F is s -dentable is still an open question. A related question is whether F has RNP iff F is dentable. These are known to be true for Banach spaces.

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