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SELECTED TOPICS FOR THE WEAK TOPOLOGY OF BANACH  
SPACES

Abstract:

Corson (1961) started a systematic study of certain topological properties of the weak topology  $w$  of Banach spaces  $E$ . This line of research provided more general classes such as reflexive Banach spaces, Weakly Compactly Generated Banach spaces and the class of weakly  $K$ -analytic and weakly  $K$ -countably determined Banach spaces. On the other hand, various topological properties generalizing metrizability have been studied intensively by topologists and analysts. Let us mention, for example, the first countability, Frechet-Urysohn property, sequentiality,  $k$ -space property, and countable tightness. Each property (apart the countable tightness) forces a Banach space  $E$  to be finite-dimensional, whenever  $E$  with the weak topology  $w$  is assumed to be a space of the above type. This is a simple consequence of a theorem of Schluchtermann and Wheeler that an infinite-dimensional Banach space is never a  $k$ -space in the weak topology. These results show also that the question when a Banach space endowed with the weak topology is homeomorphic to a certain fixed model space from the infinite-dimensional topology is very restrictive and motivated specialists to detect the above properties only for some natural classes of subsets of  $E$ , e.g., balls or bounded subsets of  $E$ . We collect some classical and recent results of this type, and characterize those Banach spaces  $E$  whose unit ball  $B_w$  is  $k_{\mathbb{R}}$ -space or even has the Ascoli property. Some basic concepts from probability theory and measure theoretic properties of the space  $\ell_1$  will be used.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2016**

Tea at 3:30pm in the KGRC meeting room (room 104)

Talk at 4:00pm in the KGRC lecture room (room 101)

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