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GEOMETRY OF NUCLEAR SPACES

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These talks present my results and results of my colleagues for the last three-four years on the geometry of nuclear spaces.

I - NUCLEAR FRÉCHET SPACES WITHOUT BASIS.

The notion of a nuclear space was inspired by L. Schwartz' theorem on kernel [1] which states that any bilinear continuous form $B : \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^{m_1}) \times \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^{m_2}) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^1$ generates the linear functional $B^* : \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^m) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^1$, $m = m_1 + m_2$ by the formula

$$B^*(\varphi(x_1, \dots, x_{m_1}) \cdot \psi(x_{m_1+1}, \dots, x_{m_1+m_2})) = B(\varphi; \psi) \quad .$$

A. Grothendieck [2] developed the tensor-product theory and on this base he constructed the theory of nuclear spaces and especially the duality theory on these spaces.

From the very beginning the notion of a nuclear space was parallel to the notion of a nuclear operator. Recall that an operator $A : H_1 \rightarrow H_2$ in Hilbert spaces is called nuclear iff it is compact and

$$\sum \rho_k(A) < \infty \quad \text{where} \quad \rho_k(A) = \lambda_k(\sqrt{A^* \cdot A}) \quad ,$$

$k = 0, 1, \dots$, are monotonically ordering (with multiplicity) eigenvalues of the module $|A|$. The extension of this notion to the general case of Banach spaces was very fruitful ; it has been developed to the theory of normed operator-ideals and the theory of absolutely-summing operators of different types (see [3], [4] and refernces there). I will not touch these topics.

I will not give different (equivalent) definitions of nuclear space and recall the simplest one which is sufficient for our further consideration.

Definition 1 : A locally convex space is nuclear if it is a dense subspace of a projective limit of Hilbert spaces with nuclear maps.

A nuclear Fréchet space X is a projective limit of a sequence of nuclear maps on separable Hilbert spaces ; more details, there exists such a system of inner continuous (semi-) products $(x,y)_p$, $p \in \mathbb{N}$, on X , that (semi-) norms $\|x\|_p = (x,x)_p^{1/2}$, $p \in \mathbb{N}$, generate the topology of X and $\forall p \exists q \mid i_p^q : X_q \rightarrow X_p$ is nuclear.

Here X_p denotes as usually the Hilbert space $(\overline{X/N_p})$, $N_0 = \{u \in X : \|u\| = 0\}$ with the norm $\|x\|_p$, and i_p^q denotes the induced "imbedding".

Example 1 : The space $C^\infty(\mathbb{T}^k)$ of all infinitely differentiable (real- or complex valued) functions on k -dimensional torus. The topology of the uniform convergence of all derivatives is generated by the system of norms

$$\|x\|_p = (x,x)_p^{1/2} \quad ; \quad (x,y) = \int_{\mathbb{T}^k} \mathcal{D}^\alpha x(t) \cdot \overline{\mathcal{D}^\alpha y(t)} dt \quad ,$$

dt be the Haar measure on \mathbb{T}^k and \mathcal{D}^α , $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k)$, be the usual notion of partial derivatives.

The operator $i_p^q : W_q^2(\mathbb{T}^k) = X_q \rightarrow X_p = W_p^2(\mathbb{T}^k)$ is nuclear iff $q > p + k$.

Example 2 : The space $H(\mathbb{D}^k)$ of all holomorphic functions on the open unit polydisc

$$\mathbb{D}^k = \{z = (z_1, \dots, z_k) \in \mathbb{C}^k \ ; \ |z_j| < 1, \ 1 \leq j \leq k\} \quad .$$

The topology of uniform convergence on all compacta in \mathbb{D}^k is generated by the system of Hilbert norms with inner products

$$(x,y) = \int_{\mathbb{T}^k} x\left(\left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right)\zeta\right) \cdot \overline{y\left(\left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right)\zeta\right)} dt \quad ,$$

$$\zeta = (e^{it_1}, \dots, e^{it_k}) \quad .$$

In the terms of Taylor coefficients

$$(x,y)_p = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+^k} \tilde{x}(n) \cdot \overline{\tilde{y}(n)} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right)^{2|n|} \quad ,$$

where $n = (n_1, \dots, n_k)$, $|n| = n_1 + \dots + n_k$,

$$\tilde{x}(n) = \int_{\mathbb{T}^k} x(\zeta) \exp(-i \cdot \langle n, t \rangle) dt .$$

Hence $X_p = H^2(r_p \cdot \mathbb{T}^k)$ is Hardy space, $r_p = 1 - \frac{1}{p}$; the operator $i_r^{r'} : H^2(r' \mathbb{T}^k) \rightarrow H^2(r \mathbb{T}^k)$ is (ultra) nuclear for any pair $\gamma', \gamma, \gamma' > \gamma$.

Example 3 : The Köthe space [5]

$$K(a) = \{x = (x_\nu)_{\nu \in \mathfrak{N}}, x_\nu \in \mathbb{C}^1 : \sum_\nu a_{\nu p}^2 \cdot |x_\nu|^2 < \infty, \forall p\}$$

where $a = (a_{\nu p})$ is a matrix with non-negative (positive) scalar terms is nuclear iff

$$\forall p \exists q \mid \sum_\nu a_{\nu p} / a_{\nu q} < \infty .$$

The last example is very important because of

Theorem AB (on absoluteness of bases -[6], [7]) : In a nuclear Fréchet space X any basis $\{e_n, e'_n\}_0^\infty$ is absolute, i.e. for any (semi) norm $\|\cdot\|_p$

$$\sum |e'_n(x)| \cdot \|e_n\|_p < \infty, \forall x \in X .$$

Hence the space X is isomorphic to the Köthe space $K(a)$, $a = (a_{np})$, $a_{np} = \|e_n\|_p$, $n, p = 0, 1, \dots$.

(Recall that the biorthogonal system $\{e_n, e'_n\}$ is a basis in a linear topological space E if every element $x \in E$ has an expansion $x = \sum e'_n(x) e_n$.)

It is easy to see that the exponentials $e_n = \exp i \langle n, t \rangle$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}^k$, give a (absolute) basis in $C^\infty(\mathbb{T}^k)$, and that $\{e_n, n \in \mathbb{Z}_+^k\}$ is an absolute basis in $H(\mathbb{D}^k)$ so we have the isomorphisms $I : x \rightarrow \tilde{x}(n)$, $C(\mathbb{T}^k) \approx K(a)$, $a_{np} = (1 + |n|^2)^p$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}^k$,

$$\begin{aligned} H(\mathbb{D}^k) &\approx K(b), \quad b_{np} = \exp(-\frac{1}{p} |n|), \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}_+^k \\ \text{or} &\approx K(c), \quad c_{np} = \exp(-\frac{n^{1/k}}{p}), \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}_+^k . \end{aligned}$$

For any compact C^∞ -manifold M , the space $C^\infty(\mathbb{T}^k)$, $k = \dim_{\mathbf{R}} M$; eigenfunctions $u_n(x)$, $n = 0, 1, \dots$, of Laplace-Beltrami operator, $Lu_n = \lambda_n u_n$, $\lambda_n \leq \lambda_{n+1}$, give a basis of this space, and Fourier coefficients of any C^∞ -function decrease faster than any power of $1/n$. For any compact F , $F \subset \mathbf{R}^k$, we define $C^\infty(F)$ as the quotient space $C^\infty(\mathbf{R}^k)/Z(F)$, $Z(F)$ is the closure of the linear manifold $\{f \in C^\infty(\mathbf{R}^k) \mid f \equiv 0 \text{ for some neighbourhood of } F\}$ so $C^\infty(F)$ is nuclear.

Question 1 : Is it true that for any compact $F \subset \mathbf{R}^k$ the space $C^\infty(F)$ has a base ?

For any domain G of holomorphy, $G \subset \mathbb{C}^k$ (or Stein manifold) the space $H(G)$ of all holomorphic functions on G with the topology of uniform convergence on compact sets is nuclear.

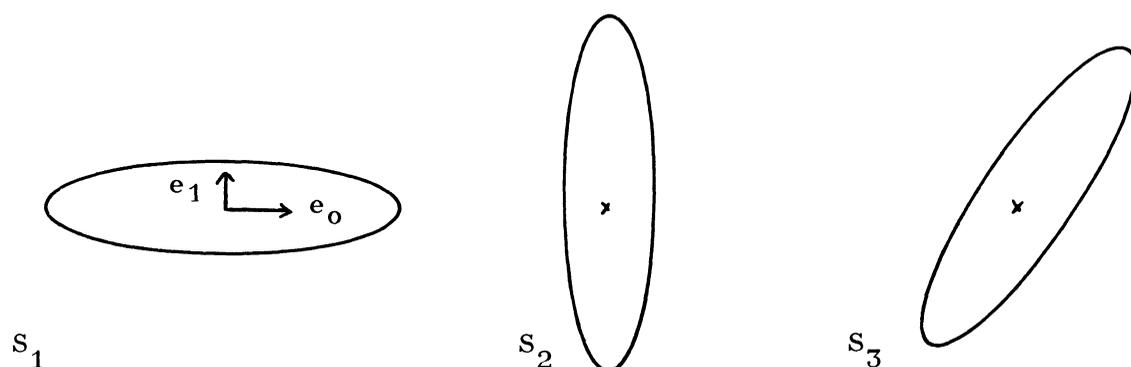
Question 2 : Is it true that for any domain $G \subset \mathbb{C}^k$ of holomorphy (or for any Stein manifold) the space $H(G)$ has a basis ?

The answer is unknown even for the case $k = 1$.

We do not know any concrete example of nuclear functional space without basis, although I believe there exist such counterexamples to Que. 1 and 2. Now I present series of general nuclear Fréchet spaces without basis (after Mityagin-Zobin [8]-[10] and Djakov-Mityagin [11]).

"Two-dimensional case" (after [11], § 2, and [12]).

Let us consider three ellipses



$$S_1 = \{x = (\xi_0, \xi_1) : a_1^2 |\xi_0|^2 + b_1^2 |\xi_1|^2 \leq 1\}$$

$$S_2 = \{x \in \mathbb{C}^2 : a_2^2 |e_0^*(x)|^2 + b_2^2 |e_1^*(x)|^2 \leq 1\}$$

$$S_3 = \{x \in \mathbb{C}^2 : a_3^2 |w_0^*(x)|^2 + b_3^2 |w_1^*(x)|^2 \leq 1\}$$

where $w_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (e_0 + e_1)$, $w_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (-e_0 + e_1)$, $f^*(x) = \langle x, f \rangle = \xi_0 \bar{f}_0 + \xi_1 \bar{f}_1$.

Then

$$(1) \quad |e_1^*|_1 \cdot |e_0|_1 = a_1/b_1 \quad , \quad |e_0^*|_2 \cdot |e_1|_2 = b_2/a_2 \quad ,$$

$$|w_0^*|_3 \cdot |w_1|_3 = b_3/a_3 \quad .$$

More accurately we have to write $|x|_{\varepsilon, (a_\varepsilon, b_\varepsilon)}$ for the norms

$|x|_\varepsilon = (a_\varepsilon^2 |\xi_0|^2 + b_\varepsilon^2 |\xi_1|^2)^{1/2}$, $\varepsilon = 1, 2, 3$, or analogously for the dual norms. If we consider (see below (4)) homothetic ellipses the relations (1) do not change.

The following elementary lemma holds.

Lemma A : Let $T: \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^2$ be of rank < 2 ; then

$$(2) \quad |t_{00}| = |e_0^*(Te_0)| \leq |e_0^*(Te_1)| + |e_1^*(Te_0)| + 2|w_1^*(Tw_0)| \quad .$$

Indeed by homogeneity we can assume that $t_{00} = 1$, and so

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \alpha \\ \beta & \alpha\beta \end{pmatrix} \quad , \quad w_1^*(Tw_0) = \frac{1}{2} (-(1+\alpha) + (\beta + \alpha\beta))$$

and (2) has the form

$$(2') \quad 1 \leq |\alpha| + |\beta| + |1 - \beta| \cdot |1 + \alpha| \quad .$$

It is evident for $|\alpha| \geq 1$ or $|\beta| \geq 1$. Otherwise

$$|1 - \beta| \cdot |1 + \alpha| \geq (1 - |\beta|)(1 - |\alpha|) = 1 - |\beta| - |\alpha| + |\alpha\beta| \geq 1 - |\alpha| - |\beta|$$

and (2'), and (2), is true also.

Lemma B : Let $1_{\mathbb{C}^2} = \sum T_k$ on \mathbb{C}^2 , $\text{rank } T_k < 2$, and $\sum |T_k x|_{\varepsilon} \leq A |x|_{\varepsilon}$, $\forall x \in \mathbb{C}^2$, $\varepsilon = 1, 2, 3$. Then

$$(3) \quad A \geq \alpha \quad , \quad \alpha = \frac{1}{4} \min(a_2/b_2, b_1/a_1, a_3/b_3) \quad .$$

Indeed by (1) and (2), Lemma A,

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= e_o^*(e_o) = e_o^*(\sum T_k e_o) \leq \sum |e_o^*(T_k e_o)| \leq \\ &\leq \sum |e_1^*(T e_o)| + \sum |e_o^*(T e_1)| + 2 \sum |w_o^*(T w_1)| \leq \\ &\leq A |e_1^*|_1 \cdot |e_o|_1 + A |e_o^*|_2 \cdot |e_1|_2 + 2 \cdot A \cdot |w_o^*|_3 \cdot |w_1|_3 \\ &= A (a_1/b_1 + b_2/a_2 + 2 \cdot b_3/a_3) \leq \frac{A}{\alpha} \quad , \end{aligned}$$

and it implies (3).

Example 4 : Generalized K the space

$$K(a) = \{x = (x_n)_o^\infty, x_n \in \mathbb{C}^2 : \|x\|_p^2 = \sum |A_{np} x_n|^2 < \infty\}$$

by the definition is a space of vector sequences ; its topology is determined by the fundamental system of (semi) norms $\|x\|_p$, $p = 0, 1, \dots$, where (a_{np}) is a matrix with two-dimensional positive self-adjoint operators as its terms. Under the particular choice of a matrix, $a = (A_{np})$ the generalized K the space has no base.

To make this choice, or to define two-dimensional Hilbert norms

$$\|x\|_{np} = |A_{np} x| \quad , \quad n, p = 0, 1, \dots,$$

let us choose a 1-1-correspondence

$$\sigma : \mathbb{N} \longrightarrow \pi \quad , \quad \pi = \{(p_o, p_1, \ell) \in \mathbb{N}^3 : 0 < p_o < p_1\}$$

and put $\mathbb{N}_p = \sigma^{-1}(\pi_p)$, $\pi_p = \{(p_o, p_1, \ell) : \ell \in \mathbb{N}\}$,

$p = (p_o, p_1)$ is fixed,

so $|\mathbb{N}_p| = \infty$ for any pair $p, p_0 < p_1$.

Then if $n \in \mathbb{N}_p$ we put

$$(4) \quad |A_{nq} x| = (|\xi_0|^2 + |\xi_1|^2)^{1/2}, \quad q = 0, \\ = \lambda_{nq} |x|_{\varepsilon, (a_\varepsilon, b_\varepsilon)}, \quad \varepsilon = 1, 1 \leq q \leq p_0, \\ \varepsilon = 2, p_0 < q \leq p_1, \\ \varepsilon = 3, p_1 < q.$$

Let the following condition MN (monotonicity and nuclearity) hold

$$(5) \quad \lambda_{n1} a_{n1} \geq n^2; \lambda_{n, p_0+1} b_{2n} \geq n^2 \lambda_{np_0} b_{1n}; \lambda_{np_1+1} b_{3n} \geq n^2 \lambda_{np_1} a_{2n}.$$

Then $\|x\|_q \leq \|x\|_{q+1}$ and the space $K(a)$ under the choice (4) is nuclear.

We say that the baseless condition BL holds if

$\forall p = (p_0, p_1), \forall p_2 > p_1 \exists N \forall n \in \mathbb{N}_p, n \geq N :$

$$(6) \quad n^2 \cdot \max \left\{ \frac{\lambda_{np_0}}{\lambda_{n1}}, \frac{\lambda_{np_1}}{\lambda_{np_0+1}}, \frac{\lambda_{np_2}}{\lambda_{np_1+1}} \right\} \leq \min \left\{ \frac{b_{1n}}{a_{1n}}, \frac{a_{2n}}{b_{2n}}, \frac{a_{3n}}{b_{3n}} \right\}.$$

Both conditions MN and BL hold for example if for $n \in \mathbb{N}_p$

$$b_{1n} = a_{2n} = a_{3n} = 2^n; \quad a_{1n} = b_{2n} = b_{3n} = 1;$$

$$\lambda_{ni} = n^{2i}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq p_0$$

$$n^{2i} \cdot 2^n, \quad p_0 < i \leq p_1$$

$$n^{2i} \cdot 2^{2n}, \quad p_1 < i.$$

Remark 1 : It is useful to pay attention that the conditions (5) involves nontrivial restrictions on ratio $\lambda_{ni+1}/\lambda_{ni}$ only for $i = 0, p_0, p_1$, $n \in \mathbb{N}_p$, and the condition (6) involves these ratios for other indices i ; for example,

$$\lambda_{np_1}/\lambda_{np_0+1} = \prod_{i=p_0+1}^{p_1-1} \lambda_{ni+1}/\lambda_{ni}.$$

This remark makes conditions MN and BL practically independent and gives possibility to construct spaces without basis with "any given" properties.

Theorem BL (on baseless space) : If the conditions MN and BL hold under the choice (4) then the generalized KØthe space $K(a)$ has no basis.

Proof : If the space $K(a)$ has a base (f_k, f_k^*) then by theorem AB (and by the open-mapping theorem) $\forall p \exists q, C \mid \sum |f_k^*(x)| \cdot \|f_k\|_p \leq C \|x\|_q$. In particular, $\exists q_0, q_1, q_2, C \mid$

$$(7.1) \quad \sum |f_k^*(x)| \cdot \|f_k\|_1 \leq C \cdot \|x\|_{q_0} \quad ,$$

$$(7.2) \quad \sum |f_k^*(x)| \cdot \|f_k\|_{q_0+1} \leq C \cdot \|x\|_{q_1} \quad ,$$

$$(7.3) \quad \sum |f_k^*(x)| \cdot \|f_k\|_{q_1+1} \leq C \cdot \|x\|_{q_2} \quad , \quad \forall x \in K(a) \quad .$$

Put $p = (q_0, q_1)$ and consider indices $n \in \mathbb{N}_p$ only. Let us define the operators in \mathbb{C}^2

$$T_k = T_k^n = r_n \circ (f_k^*(\cdot) f_k) \circ j_n \quad ,$$

where

$$(8) \quad \mathbb{C}^2 \xrightarrow{j_n} K(a) \xrightarrow{f_k^*(\cdot) f_k} K(a) \xrightarrow{r_n} \mathbb{C}^2 \quad ,$$

and $j_n(y) = (0, \dots, 0, y, 0, \dots)$, $r_n(x) = x_n$.
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Then $1_{\mathbb{C}^2} = \sum T_k$ and by (7.1-3)

$$\sum \|T_k x\|_1 = \lambda_{n1} \sum |T_k x|_1 \leq C \|j_n x\|_{q_0} = C \lambda_{nq_0} |x|_1 \quad ,$$

$$\sum \|T_k x\|_{q_0+1} = \lambda_{nq_0+1} \sum |T_k x|_2 \leq C \|j_n x\|_{q_1} = C \lambda_{nq_1} |x|_2 \quad ,$$

$$\sum \|T_k x\|_{q_1+1} = \lambda_{nq_1+1} \sum |T_k x|_3 \leq C \|j_n x\|_{q_2} = C \lambda_{nq_2} |x|_3 \quad ,$$

and by Lemma B

$$C \max \left\{ \frac{\lambda_{nq_0}}{\lambda_{n1}}, \frac{\lambda_{nq_1}}{\lambda_{nq_0+1}}, \frac{\lambda_{nq_2}}{\lambda_{nq_1+1}} \right\} \geq \\ \geq \frac{1}{4} \min \left\{ \frac{b_{1n}}{a_{1n}}, \frac{a_{2n}}{b_{2n}}, \frac{a_{3n}}{b_{3n}} \right\}$$

and this contradicts to BL-condition.

Remark 2 : We could repeat the same argument replacing (8) by the analogous sequence of mapping

$$\mathbb{C}^2 \xrightarrow{j_n} K(a) \times Y \xrightarrow{f_k^*(\cdot)f_k} K(a) \times Y \xrightarrow{r_n} \mathbb{C}^2$$

if $\{f_k; f_k^*\}$ were a basis in $K(a) \times Y$.

Hence the space $K(a) \times Y$ has no basis for any nuclear Fréchet space Y if $K(a)$ is as in Theorem BL.

Additional constructions give the following examples.

There exists a continuum of pairwise-non-isomorphic nuclear Fréchet spaces without basis [10], [11].

Any nuclear Fréchet space (except \mathbb{C}^∞) has

- a subspace without base [11], [13] ;
- a quotient space without base [14] .

In all these cases the structure of spaces without base is of the above type, i.e. of Example 4 with different choices of norms (4) and modification of the BL-condition.

The further modifications use the generalized Köthe spaces of the type

$$(9) \quad K(b) = \{x = (x_n)_0^\infty, x_n \in \mathbb{C}^{N(n)} : \sum |B_{np} x_n|^2 < \infty, \forall p\}$$

where $N(n)$ is a sequence of integers and $B_{np} : \mathbb{C}^{N(n)} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{N(n)}$, $n, p = 0, 1, \dots$, are positive operators under certain conditions (see [11], Sect. 4-5, and [15]). In particular,

there exists a nuclear Fréchet space $X = K(b)$ of (9) without strongly finite-dimensional decomposition, i.e. X has no system of projection $\{P_t\}$ such that

$$a) \quad P_t P_{t'} = 0, \quad t \neq t' ;$$

$$b) \quad x = \sum P_t x, \quad \forall x \in X ;$$

$$c) \quad \sup_t \dim P_t < \infty .$$

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