



**Exercise set 2**

**Topological Vector Spaces**

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Unless otherwise stated,  $E$  is a tvs.

**2.1. A.** answer some of the following questions:

Is the image  $f(A)$  of a balanced set  $A$  in a continuous linear mapping  $f$  always balanced? How about the image of absorbing, convex, closed or compact sets?

**2.2.** Answer some of the following questions:

In a continuous linear mapping between topological vector spaces, is the pre-image  $f^{-1}A$  of a balanced set  $A$  always balanced? How about the pre-image of absorbing, convex, closed or compact sets?

**2.3.** a) Construct an example of a convex set whose balanced hull is not convex.

b) Prove that a convex set  $A \subset E$  on is balanced, if  $\lambda A \subset A$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbf{K}$ , with  $|\lambda| = 1$ .

**2.4.** Prove that the balanced hull of a compact set is compact.

**2.5.** Construct an example of a closed  $A \subset \mathbf{R}^2$ , whose convex hull is not closed.

**2.6.** Prove that the supremum  $p(x) = \sup_{i \in I} p_i(x)$  of a family seminorms  $(p_i)_{i \in I}$  on a vector space  $E$  is a seminorm, if  $p(x) < \infty$  for all  $x \in E$ .

**2.7.** A *basis of continuous seminorms*  $\mathcal{N}$  in a locally convex space  $E$  is a set of continuous seminorms  $\mathcal{N}$  such that for every continuous seminorm  $p$  there exists a basis seminorm  $q \in \mathcal{N}$  and a number  $\lambda > 0$  such that  $p \leq \lambda q$ .

Prove that in a locally convex space  $(E, \mathcal{T})$  every basis of continuous seminorms  $\mathcal{N}$  defines the same locally convex topology as  $\mathcal{T}$ .

**2.8.** Prove that if there exists a continuous norm in a locally convex space, then there exists a basis of continuous seminorms consisting of norms. Is  $E$  a normed space?

**2.9.** Let  $E$  be a vector space and  $M \subset E$  a subspace,  $p$  a seminorm in  $M$  and  $q$  a seminorm in the whole space  $E$  such that  $p \leq q|_M$  meaning  $p(x) \leq q(x) \forall x \in M$ . Prove that there exists a seminorm  $\bar{p}$ , defined in the whole space  $E$ , such that  $p = \bar{p}|_M$  and  $p \leq q$ . (Don't try to use the axiom of choice (yet)!)

**2.10.** Let  $(E, \mathcal{P})$  and  $(F, \mathcal{Q})$  be locally convex spaces with bases of continuous seminorms  $\mathcal{P}$  and  $\mathcal{Q}$ . Prove that a linear mapping  $T : E \rightarrow F$  is continuous if and only if for every  $q \in \mathcal{Q}$  there exist  $p \in \mathcal{P}$  and  $\lambda > 0$  such that  $q(Tx) \leq \lambda p(x)$  for all  $x \in E$ .