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Let  $E$  and  $F$  be real Banach spaces;  $\mathcal{P}_N^m(E;F)$  the Banach space of nuclear  $m$ -homogeneous polynomials from  $E$  to  $F$ , the nuclear norm being denoted by  $\|\cdot\|_N$ ;  $E'$  the dual space to  $E$ ;  $E_C$  a normed complexification of  $E$  and  $(E_C)'$  its dual; and  $(E')_C$  a normed complexification of  $E'$ , where  $(E')_C$  and  $(E_C)'$  are isometric under the natural isomorphism between them.

We shall denote by  $\varepsilon_N(E;F)$  the vector space of all infinitely differ-

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differentiable mappings  $f: E \rightarrow F$  such that

$$\widehat{d}^m f(E) \subset \mathcal{P}_N({}^m E; F)$$

for  $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , and each mapping

$$\widehat{d}^m f: E \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_N({}^m E; F)$$

is differentiable of first order when  $\mathcal{P}_N({}^m E; F)$  is endowed with its nuclear norm. An element of  $\epsilon_N(E; F)$  is referred to as an infinitely nuclearly differentiable mapping from  $E$  to  $F$ .

We shall also introduce the vector subspace  $\epsilon_{Nb}(E; F)$  of all  $f: E \rightarrow F$  in  $\epsilon_N(E; F)$  such that every

$$\widehat{d}^m f: E \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_N({}^m E; F)$$

is bounded on bounded subsets. An element of  $\epsilon_{Nb}(E; F)$  is said to be an infinitely nuclearly differentiable mapping of bounded type from  $E$  to  $F$ .

Then  $\epsilon_{Nb}(E; F)$  is a Fréchet space with respect to the topology defined by the following seminorms on it

$$f \in \epsilon_{Nb}(E; F) \rightarrow \sup \{ \|\widehat{d}^m f(x)\|_N : \|x\| \leq n \} \in \mathbb{R}_+$$

for  $m, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

For every  $\phi \in E'$  and  $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  (the case in which both  $\phi = 0$  and  $m = 0$  being excluded), consider the functions  $\phi^m$  on  $E$ , it being understood that  $\phi^0 = 1$ . We shall denote by  $\epsilon_{Nbc}(E; F)$  the closure in  $\epsilon_{Nb}(E; F)$  of its vector subspace obtained as the set of finite sums of all mappings of the form  $\phi^m b: E \rightarrow F$ , where  $\phi \in E'$ ,  $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  and  $b \in F$ . An element of  $\epsilon_{Nbc}(E; F)$  is said to be an infinitely nuclearly differentiable

mapping of bounded-compact type  $E$  to  $F$ . Thus  $\epsilon_{Nbc}(E; F)$  is a Fréchet space with respect to the topology induced on it by that of  $\epsilon_{Nb}(E; F)$ .

The vector subspace of  $\epsilon_{Nbc}(E; F)$  obtained as the set of finite sums of all mappings of the form

$$e^{\phi} b: E \rightarrow F$$

where  $\phi \in E'$  and  $b \in F$ , is dense in  $\epsilon_{Nbc}(E; F)$ . If  $F$  is a complex Banach space, not only the vector subspace of  $\epsilon_{Nbc}(E; F)$  obtained as the set of finite sums of all mappings of the form

$$e^{\phi+i\psi} b: E \rightarrow F$$

where  $\phi \in E'$ ,  $\psi \in E'$  and  $b \in F$ , is dense in  $\epsilon_{Nbc}(E; F)$ , but also the same assertion is true if we focus our attention only on the mappings of the form

$$e^{i\psi} b: E \rightarrow F$$

where  $\psi \in E'$  and  $b \in F$ .

If  $T$  is a continuous complex linear form on  $\epsilon_{Nbc}(E; \mathbb{C})$ , its Fourier transform  $\mathfrak{F}T$  is the complex valued function on  $E'$  defined by

$$(\mathfrak{F}T)(\psi) = T(e^{i\psi})$$

for  $\psi \in E'$ . The mapping  $T \rightarrow \mathfrak{F}T$  thus defined is linear and injective.

Each such  $\mathfrak{F}T$  may be extended in a necessarily unique way to an entire function on  $(E')_{\mathbb{C}}$  by setting

$$(\mathfrak{F}T)(\phi + i\psi) = T(e^{\phi+i\psi})$$

for  $\phi \in E'$  and  $\psi \in E'$ . Then  $\mathfrak{F}T$  is entire of exponential type on  $(E')_{\mathbb{C}}$  and slowly increasing on  $E'$  in the sense that there an integer  $\alpha \geq 0$  and a real number  $C \geq 0$  such that

$$|(\mathfrak{F}T)(\psi)| \leq C \cdot (1 + \|\psi\|)^\alpha$$

for  $\psi \in E'$ . More precisely, there are an integer  $\alpha \geq 0$  and real numbers  $C \geq 0$  and  $c \geq 0$  such that

$$|(\mathfrak{F}T)(z)| \leq C \cdot (1 + \|z\|)^\alpha \cdot e^{c \cdot \|Iz\|}$$

for  $z \in (E')_C$ , where  $Iz$  is the imaginary part of  $z$ . Notice that this more stringent condition on the entire function  $\mathfrak{F}T$  on  $(E')_C$  not only implies trivially, but also is implied via the Phragmen-Lindelöf theory [2, §47] by the fact that  $T$  is entire of exponential type on  $(E')_C$  and slowly increasing on  $E'$ .

If we consider the Fréchet space  $\mathfrak{N}_b(E_C; C)$  of nuclearly entire complex valued functions of bounded type on  $E_C$ , then a complex valued function on  $(E_C)'$  is the Borel (or equivalently, for that matter, the Fourier) transform of a continuous complex linear form on  $\mathfrak{N}_b(E_C; C)$  if and only if it is entire of exponential type on  $(E_C)'$  (see [1]). In view of this fact, one might naively expect to prove that an entire complex valued function of exponential type on  $(E')_C$  which is slowly increasing on  $E'$  must be the Fourier transform of a continuous complex linear form on  $\mathfrak{N}_b(E; C)$ , a true statement if  $E$  is finite dimensional (Paley-Wiener-Schwartz). This, however, will be discarded for every infinite dimensional  $E$ , even if slow increasingness on  $E'$  is guaranteed by boundedness on  $E'$ .

THEOREM - If  $E$  is infinite dimensional, there is an entire complex valued function of exponential type on  $(E')_C$  bounded on  $E'$  which is not the Fourier transform of any continuous complex linear form on  $\mathfrak{N}_b(E; C)$ .

The proof will be based on the following known result.

LEMMA - For every integer  $n \geq 1$  there is a distribution  $T_n$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$

with bounded support, such that its Fourier transform  $\mathcal{F}T_n$  is bounded on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and the order of  $T_n$  tends to infinity as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ .

*PROOF OF THE THEOREM* - Set  $E_0 = E$  and construct inductively a vector subspace  $D_n$  of  $E$  of dimension  $n$  and a closed vector subspace  $E_n$  of  $E$  such that  $E_{n-1} = D_n \oplus E_n$  in the topological vector space sense for every  $n = 1, 2, 3 \dots$ . Notice that

$$E = D_1 \oplus \dots \oplus D_n \oplus E_n$$

in the topological vector space sense; let  $\pi_n$  denote the continuous projection of  $E$  onto  $D_n$  corresponding to such a decomposition. By virtue of the above lemma, let  $T_n$  be a distribution on  $D_n$  with support contained in the closed ball in  $D_n$  centered at 0 and of radius 1, having a Fourier transform  $\mathcal{F}T_n$  bounded in modulus by 1 on the dual space  $(D_n)'$ , and such that

$$|T_n(f)| \leq \sum_{0 \leq m \leq \nu_n} \sup \left\{ \left\| \frac{1}{m!} d^m f(x) \right\|_N : x \in D_n, \|x\| \leq 1 \right\}$$

for every  $f \in \mathcal{E}(D_n; \mathbb{C})$ , where  $\nu_n$  is supposed to be the order of  $T_n$  and to tend to infinity as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ . We may also assume that  $T_n(1) = 0$  for every  $n$ , since it suffices to replace  $T_n$  by

$$\frac{T_n - T_n(1)\delta}{2}$$

If  $f \in \mathcal{E}_{Nb}(E; \mathbb{C})$ , then

$$|T_n(f|_{D_n})| \leq \sum_{0 \leq m < +\infty} \sup \left\{ \left\| \frac{1}{m!} d^m f(x) \right\|_N : x \in E, \|x\| \leq 1 \right\}$$

and therefore

$$\sum_{1 \leq n < +\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} |T_n(f|D_n)| \leq \sum_{0 \leq m < +\infty} \sup \left\{ \left\| \frac{1}{m!} \tilde{d}^m f(x) \right\|_N : x \in E, \|x\| \leq 1 \right\}.$$

We define the continuous complex linear  $T$  on  $\mathcal{H}_{Nb}(E_C; C)$  by setting

$$T(f) = \sum_{1 \leq n < +\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} |T_n(f|D_n)|$$

for  $f \in \mathcal{H}_{Nb}(E_C; C)$  and by noticing that then  $f|E \in \epsilon_{Nb}(E; C)$  and

$$\sum_{0 \leq m < +\infty} \sup \left\{ \left\| \frac{1}{m!} \tilde{d}^m f(x) \right\|_N : x \in E_C, \|x\| \leq 1 \right\} < +\infty.$$

The Fourier transform  $\mathcal{F}T$  is an entire complex valued function of exponential type on  $(E_C)'$  and thus can be looked upon as an entire complex valued function of exponential type on  $(E')_C$  in the natural way. For every  $\psi \in E'$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{F}T)(\psi) &= \sum_{1 \leq n < +\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} T_n(e^{i\psi}|D_n) \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq n < +\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} (\mathcal{F}T_n)(\psi|D_n); \end{aligned}$$

hence  $\mathcal{F}T$  is bounded in modulus by 1 on  $E'$ . We claim that  $\mathcal{F}T$  is not the Fourier transform of any continuous complex linear form  $U$  on  $\epsilon_{Nbc}(E; C)$ . In fact, assume that it were. Then we would have  $(\mathcal{F}T)(\psi) = (\mathcal{F}U)(\psi)$ , that is

$$\sum_{1 \leq n < +\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} T_n(e^{i\psi}|D_n) = U(e^{i\psi})$$

for every  $\psi \in E'$ . Continuity of  $U$  means that there are real numbers  $C \geq 0$  and  $r \geq 0$  and some integer  $\nu \geq 0$  such that

$$|U(f)| \leq C \cdot \sum_{0 \leq m \leq \nu} \sup \left\{ \left\| \frac{1}{m!} \tilde{d}^m f(x) \right\|_N : x \in E, \|x\| \leq r \right\}$$

for every  $f \in \varepsilon_{Nbc}(E; C)$ . Define a distribution  $U_n$  on  $D_n$  by setting  $U_n(f) = U(f \circ \pi_n)$  for every  $f \in \varepsilon(D_n; C)$ , and by noticing that  $f \circ \pi_n \in \varepsilon_{Nbc}(E; C)$  and

$$|U_n(f)| \leq C \sum_{0 \leq m \leq \nu} \|\pi_n\|^m \sup \left\{ \left\| \frac{1}{m!} \tilde{d}^m f(x) \right\|_N : x \in D_n, \|x\| \leq r \right\}.$$

Hence  $U_n$  is of bounded support and of order at most equal to  $\nu$ . If now  $\psi \in (D_n)'$ , then  $\psi \circ \pi_n \in E'$  and  $\psi \circ \pi_n$  vanishes on every  $D_k$  with  $k \neq n$ .

Therefore

$$\sum_{1 \leq k < +\infty, k \neq n} \frac{1}{2^k} T_k(1) + \frac{1}{2^n} T_n(e^{i\psi}) = U_n(e^{i\psi}),$$

that is  $\sum_{k \neq n} T_k = 2^n \cdot \sum_{k \neq n} U_k$  and so  $T_n = 2^n \cdot U_n$ . This implies that  $\nu_n \leq \nu$  for every  $n$ , a contradiction. QED

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#### ABSTRACT

On the complexification of the dual space  $E'$  of a real Banach space  $E$  of infinite dimension, there is an entire complex valued function of exponential type, bounded on  $E'$ , hence slowly increasing on  $E'$ , which is not the Fourier transform of any distribution with bounded support on  $E$ .



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