

REMARKS AND EXAMPLES CONCERNING UNORDERED  
BAIRE-LIKE AND ULTRABARRELLED SPACES

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1. Following Saxon [12], p. 153, we call a locally convex space *Baire-like* (*unordered Baire-like*) if it cannot be covered by an increasing (arbitrary) sequence of nowhere dense absolutely convex subsets. Thus for a locally convex space we have the following implications:

$$\text{Baire} \Rightarrow \text{unordered Baire-like} \Rightarrow \text{Baire-like} \Rightarrow \text{barrelled}.$$

Recently, Saxon [12] (p. 158, Example 2.2, and p. 157, Example 1.4) showed that unordered Baire-like normed spaces need not be Baire and that Baire-like normed spaces need not be unordered Baire-like, whereas, on account of [1], p. 274, a metrizable locally convex space is barrelled iff it is Baire-like.

It is our first purpose here to give some more simple examples. In fact, Theorem 1 enables us to give examples of normed unordered Baire-like spaces which are not ultrabarrelled (and hence not Baire). Recall that, according to [10], p. 249, a linear topological space  $(X, \beta)$  is called *ultrabarrelled* if  $\alpha \subset \beta$  for every linear topology  $\alpha$  on  $X$  which is  $\beta$ -polar, i.e., has a base of neighbourhoods of zero consisting of  $\beta$ -closed sets. Further characterizations of ultrabarrelled spaces may be found in [5], p. 295 ff., and [14], p. 10 ff. Clearly, if  $X$  is Baire, then it is ultrabarrelled. On the other hand, ultrabarrelled linear topological spaces need not be Baire, as the strongest linear topology on an infinite-dimensional linear space shows. Furthermore, any strict inductive limit of an increasing sequence of Fréchet spaces is ultrabarrelled (see [5], p. 297, Corollary 2), hence barrelled, but clearly not Baire-like.

Our Theorem 2 provides examples of metrizable (and even normed) ultrabarrelled locally convex spaces which are not unordered Baire-like, and hence not Baire.

Summarizing, there seems to be no evident relation between "ultrabarrelled" and "unordered Baire-like", which is not surprising at all.

In view of this, and the above-mentioned result of [1], we note that the following characterization results from Corollary 3 of [4], p. 558:

A metrizable linear topological space  $X$  is ultrabarrelled iff it satisfies the following condition:

Let  $(A_i^{(m)}; i, m \in N)$  be a double sequence of closed balanced subsets of  $X$  such that

- (a)  $A_i^{(m)} \subset A_i^{(m+1)}$  and  $A_{i+1}^{(m)} + A_{i+1}^{(m)} \subset A_i^{(m)}$  ( $i, m \in N$ ),
- (b)  $\bigcup \{A_i^{(m)}; m \in N\}$  is absorbent ( $i \in N$ ).

Then for every  $i \in N$  there exists  $m \in N$  such that  $A_i^{(m)}$  is a neighbourhood of zero in  $X$ .

In Section 3, we consider the space  $m_0(\mathcal{A})$  of  $\mathcal{A}$ -simple scalar-valued functions defined on a set  $I$ , where  $\mathcal{A}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra of subsets of  $I$ , equipped with the usual supremum-norm. In addition to some known curious properties of  $m_0(\mathcal{A})$  like those of being barrelled, non-Baire, etc., we prove that it is not ultrabarrelled and contains no infinite-dimensional separable barrelled subspace. For a special case  $I = N$  and  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{P}(N)$ , the  $\sigma$ -algebra of all subsets of  $N$ , these results are due to N. J. Kalton and A. Pełczyński, respectively (unpublished). The extension of Pełczyński's result to  $m_0(\mathcal{A})$  requires no new techniques while our proof of the result of Kalton is entirely different from the original one (cf. Remark 2). In fact, we prove a stronger result: No infinite-dimensional subspace  $X$  of  $m_0(\mathcal{A})$  admits a linear topology  $\xi$  stronger than the norm-topology such that  $(X, \xi)$  is either Baire or metrizable and ultrabarrelled. We also give an alternative proof of the main result of Batt et al. (see [2], Theorem 1) concerning summable sequences in  $m_0(\mathcal{A})$ .

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2. Let us start by observing that a locally convex space  $(X, \xi)$  is unordered Baire-like iff it is barrelled and has the following property:

(\*) *Given a sequence  $(A_n; n \in N)$  of absolutely convex closed sets covering  $X$ , some  $A_n$  is absorbent (i.e., is a barrel in  $(X, \xi)$ ).*

Now, if  $\xi \supset \eta$  are linear topologies on a linear space  $X$  such that  $(X, \xi)$  satisfies (\*), then so does  $(X, \eta)$ . In particular, this is certainly the case where  $(X, \xi)$  is Baire.

It follows that any non-Baire barrelled space  $X$  which admits a stronger linear Baire topology will provide an example of a non-Baire unordered Baire-like locally convex space. Such spaces really do exist, as was already shown by Robertson [10], and from the results in Section 7 of [10], p. 255, we immediately have the following

**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $(X, \xi)$  be a non-locally convex  $F$ -space (i.e., a metrizable complete linear topological space) such that the strongest locally convex*

topology  $c(\xi)$  weaker than  $\xi$  is Hausdorff. Then  $(X, c(\xi))$  is a metrizable (hence Mackey) unordered Baire-like locally convex space which is not ultrabarrelled. Furthermore, if  $(X, \xi)$  is locally bounded, then  $(X, c(\xi))$  is normed.

The most simple spaces to which Theorem 1 applies are (as in [10], p. 256) the classical sequence spaces  $l_p$ , where  $0 < p < 1$ , equipped with the topology  $\xi$  defined by the  $F$ -norm

$$|(t_n; n \in N)|_p := \sum_{n \in N} |t_n|^p.$$

Then  $(l_p, |\cdot|_p)$  is a locally bounded non-locally convex  $F$ -space which is continuously embedded as a dense subspace in  $(l_1, |\cdot|_1)$ , and its dual is identified in a standard way with  $l_\infty$ , the dual of  $(l_1, |\cdot|_1)$  (cf. [3], p. 822). Hence  $c(\xi)$  is simply the topology induced on  $l_p$  by the norm  $|\cdot|_1$ , and thus  $(l_p, |\cdot|_1)$  is a normed unordered Baire-like space which is not ultrabarrelled (and hence not Baire).

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $(X, \xi)$  be an infinite-dimensional  $F$ -space which admits a biorthogonal sequence  $((u_n, f_n); n \in N)$  such that*

$$Z := Y + \text{lin}\{u_n; n \in N\}, \quad \text{where } Y := \{x \in X; f_n(x) = 0 \text{ for all } n \in N\},$$

*is dense in  $X$ . Then  $(X, \xi)$  contains a dense subspace which is ultrabarrelled but not unordered Baire-like.*

**Proof.** Let  $\mathfrak{F}$  be an ultra-filter on  $N$  such that  $\{n\} \notin \mathfrak{F}$  for all  $n \in N$ . For  $A \in \mathfrak{F}$  let

$$E_A := \overline{Y + \text{lin}\{u_n; n \notin A\}}^\xi \quad \text{and} \quad E := \bigcup \{E_A; A \in \mathfrak{F}\}.$$

Clearly,  $E$  is a linear subspace of  $X$  containing  $Z$ , hence  $E$  is dense in  $(X, \xi)$ . Furthermore,  $E$  is the union of the sequence of closed hyperplanes  $f_n^{-1}(0) \cap E \neq E$ , whence  $E$  in its relative topology  $\xi \cap E$  is not unordered Baire-like. Let  $\eta$  be the strongest linear topology on  $E$  such that  $\eta \cap E_A = \xi \cap E_A$  for all  $A \in \mathfrak{F}$ , i.e.,  $(E, \eta)$  is the linear inductive (or  $*$ -inductive as in [5], p. 286) limit of the  $F$ -spaces  $(E_A, \xi \cap E_A)$  ( $A \in \mathfrak{F}$ ). By Corollary 1 to Theorem 3.2 of [5], p. 297,  $(E, \eta)$  is ultrabarrelled. We are going to show that  $\eta = \xi \cap E$ . Clearly, it suffices to prove  $\eta \subset \xi \cap E$ .

Let  $U$  be an  $\eta$ -closed neighbourhood of zero in  $(E, \eta)$ . We prove first the existence of an open neighbourhood  $V$  of zero in  $(E, \xi \cap E)$  such that  $V \cap Z \subset U$ . Let  $(V_n; n \in N)$  be a base of the neighbourhoods of zero in  $(X, \xi)$  satisfying  $V_{n+1} \subset V_n$  ( $n \in N$ ), and assume that  $V_n \cap Z \not\subset U$  for all  $n \in N$ . Since for every  $r \in N$  the space  $Y + \text{lin}\{u_n; n > r\}$  is a closed subspace of finite codimension in  $(Z, \eta \cap Z)$ , we find inductively a partition  $(I(k); k \in N)$  of  $N$  into disjoint consecutive finite sets  $I(k)$  ( $k \in N$ ), a sequence  $(y_k; k \in N)$  in  $Y$ , and a sequence  $(\lambda_i; i \in N)$  of scalars such that

$$y_k + \sum_{i \in I(k)} \lambda_i u_i \in V_k \setminus U \quad \text{for all } k \in N.$$

Now let

$$M := \bigcup \{I(2k-1); k \in N\} \quad \text{and} \quad N := \bigcup \{I(2k); k \in N\}.$$

$\mathfrak{F}$  being an ultra-filter, either  $M \in \mathfrak{F}$  or  $N \in \mathfrak{F}$ . Consequently, there is  $A \in \mathfrak{F}$  such that  $V_n \cap E_A \not\subset U$  for all  $n \in N$  which contradicts  $\eta \cap E_A = \xi \cap E_A$ . Thus there is an open neighbourhood  $V$  of zero in  $(E, \xi \cap E)$  such that  $V \cap Z \subset U$ . Since

$$\overline{V \cap (Z \cap E_A)}^n \supset V \cap E_A \quad \text{for all } A \in \mathfrak{F},$$

we have  $V \subset \bar{U}^n = U$ , which proves that  $U$  is a neighbourhood of zero in  $(E, \xi \cap E)$ .

Theorem 2 applies especially when  $(X, \xi)$  is a separable Fréchet space, since then in  $X$  there exists a biorthogonal sequence  $((u_n, f_n); n \in N)$  such that  $\text{lin}\{u_n; n \in N\}$  is dense in  $(X, \xi)$  (a result of Klee, cf. [9], p. 118). Thus, in particular, we may construct dense ultrabarrelled not unordered Baire-like subspaces in every Banach space with basis. We do not know whether or not the assertion of Theorem 2 holds for all infinite-dimensional Fréchet spaces. (P 1031)

**3.** If  $\mathcal{A}$  is an algebra of subsets of a set  $I$ , we denote by  $m_0(\mathcal{A})$  the linear space of all  $\mathcal{A}$ -simple scalar-valued functions defined on  $I$ ;  $\tau$  denotes the topology induced on  $m_0(\mathcal{A})$  by the usual supremum-norm  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ . If  $\mathcal{A}$  is infinite, then  $(m_0(\mathcal{A}), \tau)$  is easily seen to be non-Baire, and thus not complete. If  $\mathcal{A}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra, then, as in [12], p. 157, Example 1.4, one proves easily that  $(m_0(\mathcal{A}), \tau)$  is barrelled.

For the proof of Theorem 3 we use the following two lemmas, whereby we write  $\text{card}(A)$  for the cardinality of the set  $A$ .

LEMMA 1. *If  $X$  is a linear subspace contained in*

$$X_n := \{x \in m_0(\mathcal{A}); \text{card}(x(I)) \leq n\},$$

*then  $\dim X \leq n$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose that this is not true and take any  $y \in X$  with

$$\text{card}(y(I)) = m := \max \{\text{card}(z(I)); z \in X\}.$$

Since  $\dim X > n \geq m$ , there exists  $z \in X$  such that, for some  $t \in y(I)$ ,

$$\text{card}(z(y^{-1}(t))) \geq 2.$$

Then taking  $\varepsilon > 0$  sufficiently small and setting  $x := y + \varepsilon z$ , we have  $\text{card}(x(I)) > m$  and  $x \in X$ , which is a contradiction.

LEMMA 2. *If  $\mathcal{B}$  is a subalgebra of  $\mathcal{A}$ , then  $m_0(\mathcal{B})$  is a closed subspace of  $(m_0(\mathcal{A}), \tau)$ .*

**Proof.** Take any non-zero  $x \in \overline{m_0(\mathcal{B})}$  and write it in the form

$$x = \sum_{i=0}^m t_i \chi_{A_i}$$

with pairwise disjoint  $A_i \in \mathcal{A}$ ,  $t_i \neq t_j$  for  $i \neq j$ , and  $t_0 = 0$ . Let

$$a := \min \{|t_i - t_j|; i \neq j\},$$

and then choose any  $y \in m_0(\mathcal{B})$  such that  $\|x - y\|_\infty < a/2$ ; say

$$y = \sum_{k=0}^n s_k \chi_{B_k},$$

where  $B_k$  are pairwise disjoint members of  $\mathcal{B}$ ,  $s_k \neq s_l$  for  $k \neq l$ , and  $s_0 = 0$ .

If  $B_k \cap A_i \neq \emptyset$  for some  $i$  and  $k$ , then  $B_k \subset A_i$ . Otherwise, for some  $j \neq i$  we would have  $B_k \cap A_j \neq \emptyset$ , and hence

$$|s_k - t_i| < a/2 \quad \text{and} \quad |s_k - t_j| < a/2,$$

so that  $|t_i - t_j| < a$ , which is impossible. It follows that each  $A_i$  is the union of a subsequence of  $B_0, B_1, \dots, B_n$  so that  $A_i \in \mathcal{B}$ , and thus  $x$  is  $\mathcal{B}$ -simple.

**THEOREM 3.** *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an infinite algebra of subsets of a set  $I$ . Then :*

(a) *No infinite-dimensional subspace  $X$  of  $m_0(\mathcal{A})$  admits a linear Baire topology  $\xi$  which is stronger than  $\tau \cap X$ . Thus, in particular, no infinite-dimensional subspace  $X$  of  $m_0(\mathcal{A})$  admits an  $F$ -space topology  $\xi$  stronger than  $\tau \cap X$ .*

(b) *No infinite-dimensional subspace  $X$  of  $m_0(\mathcal{A})$  admits a metrizable ultrabarrelled linear topology  $\xi$  which is stronger than  $\tau \cap X$ . Thus, in particular, no infinite-dimensional subspace of  $m_0(\mathcal{A})$  is ultrabarrelled.*

(c) *Every separable subspace of  $(m_0(\mathcal{A}), \tau)$  is of at most countable dimension. Thus no infinite-dimensional separable subspace of  $(m_0(\mathcal{A}), \tau)$  is barrelled.*

**Proof.** Our proof of (a) and (b) uses some ideas found in [13], p. 981, and in [8], Section 4. For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  let

$$X_n := \{x \in m_0(\mathcal{A}); \text{card}(x(I)) \leq n\}.$$

Suppose that  $X$  is an infinite-dimensional subspace of  $m_0(\mathcal{A})$  and  $\xi$  is a linear topology on  $X$  satisfying  $\xi \supset \tau \cap X$ . Since each  $X_n$  is  $\tau$ -closed,  $X_n \cap X$  is  $\xi$ -closed and, clearly, balanced for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Furthermore, we have

$$X_n \cap X + X_n \cap X \subset X_{n+2} \cap X \quad (n \in \mathbb{N})$$

and

$$X = \bigcup \{X_n \cap X; n \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

If  $\xi$  is metrizable and ultrabarrelled, then by Corollary 2 of [6], p. 683, there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $X_k \cap X$  is a  $\xi$ -neighbourhood. This implies

$$X = \bigcup \{m \cdot (X_k \cap X); m \in \mathbb{N}\} \subset X_k,$$

hence  $\dim X \leq k$  by Lemma 1.

If  $\xi$  is a Baire topology, we also infer that some  $X_k \cap X$  is a  $\xi$ -neighbourhood, which leads to the same contradiction. Thus we have proved (a) and (b).

To show (c) it is enough to prove the first assertion, since it is well known that a metrizable locally convex space of countably infinite dimension cannot be barrelled.

Let  $X$  be a separable subspace of  $m_0(\mathcal{A})$ , and let  $D$  be a countable dense subset of  $(X, \tau \cap X)$ . Then there exists a countable subalgebra  $\mathcal{B}$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  such that  $D \subset m_0(\mathcal{B})$ . Since  $m_0(\mathcal{B})$  is closed by Lemma 2, we have  $X \subset m_0(\mathcal{B})$ , and hence

$$\dim X \leq \dim m_0(\mathcal{B}) \leq \aleph_0.$$

**Remarks.** (a) Using similar methods, H. Pfister has independently proved that  $(m_0(\mathcal{P}(I)), \tau)$  is not ultrabarrelled and that every Banach disk in  $m_0(\mathcal{P}(I))$ , provided with the relative product topology from  $K^I$ , must be finite dimensional (unpublished).

(b) Kalton's original proof of the fact that  $(m_0(\mathcal{P}(N)), \tau)$  is not ultrabarrelled is very ingenious so that we would like to present it here. We shorten  $m_0(\mathcal{P}(N))$  to  $m_0$ . Suppose that  $(m_0, \tau)$  is ultrabarrelled and let  $(F, |\cdot|)$  be the  $F$ -space, constructed by Rolewicz and Ryll-Nardzewski (see [11], p. 329 ff.), containing a sequence  $(x_n; n \in \mathbb{N})$  which is subseries summable but not bounded multiplier summable. For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  define  $T_n: l_\infty \rightarrow F$  by

$$T_n(t) := \sum_{i=1}^n t_i x_i \quad (t = (t_i; i \in \mathbb{N}) \in l_\infty).$$

Then each  $T_n$  is a continuous linear map of  $(l_\infty, \|\cdot\|_\infty)$  into  $(F, |\cdot|)$ , and  $(T_n; n \in \mathbb{N})$  converges pointwise on  $m_0$ . Hence, by the Banach-Steinhaus theorem for ultrabarrelled spaces (cf. [10], p. 250),  $(T_n|_{m_0}; n \in \mathbb{N})$  is equicontinuous. Since  $m_0$  is dense in  $(l_\infty, \|\cdot\|_\infty)$ , we infer that  $(T_n; n \in \mathbb{N})$  is also equicontinuous and converges pointwise on  $l_\infty$ . This implies that  $(x_n; n \in \mathbb{N})$  is bounded multiplier summable, which is a contradiction.

(c) Replacing the phrase "no infinite-dimensional subspace" in Theorem 3 (a) and (b) by "no subspace  $X$  satisfying  $\sup \{\text{card}(x(I)); x \in X\} = \infty$ ", we may also prove the assertions of Theorem 3 (a) and (b) for the space  $m_0(\mathcal{A}, E)$  of all  $\mathcal{A}$ -simple functions with values in a normed space  $(E, \|\cdot\|)$ , provided with the topology induced by the supremum-norm.

(d) It would be interesting to know the coarsest ultrabarrelled topology on  $m_0(\mathcal{A})$ , stronger than  $\tau$ . (P 1032)

Finally, we present an alternative and somewhat shorter proof for the main result of Batt et al. [2], Theorem 1, which – up to some variants – was also obtained independently by H. Pfister (unpublished).

**THEOREM 4.** *Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $\sigma$ -algebra of subsets of a set  $I$ , and let  $\tau$  and  $\pi$  be the topologies on  $m_0(\mathcal{A})$  of uniform and pointwise convergence on  $I$ , respectively. Let  $(x_n; n \in N)$  be a sequence in  $m_0(\mathcal{A})$ . Then:*

(a) *If  $(x_n; n \in N)$  is bounded multiplier (BM) summable in  $(m_0(\mathcal{A}), \pi)$ , then  $\dim \text{lin} \{x_n; n \in N\} < \infty$ .*

(b) *If  $(x_n; n \in N)$  is subfamily (SF) summable in  $(m_0(\mathcal{A}), \tau)$ , then  $\dim \text{lin} \{x_n; n \in N\} < \infty$ .*

**Proof.** We shorten  $m_0(\mathcal{A})$  to  $m_0$ . We first show that (b)  $\Rightarrow$  (a). Suppose that  $(x_n; n \in N)$  is BM-summable for  $\pi$  and define a linear map  $T: l_\infty \rightarrow m_0$  by

$$T(t) := \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i x_i \quad (t = (t_i; i \in N) \in l_\infty),$$

where the sum is taken with respect to  $\pi$ . By the Banach-Steinhaus theorem,  $T: (l_\infty, \|\cdot\|_\infty) \rightarrow (m_0, \pi)$  is continuous. Since  $\tau$  is  $\pi$ -polar,  $T: (l_\infty, \|\cdot\|_\infty) \rightarrow (m_0, \tau)$  is continuous as well. It follows that  $(x_n; n \in N)$  is  $\tau$ -bounded and thus, again by the  $\pi$ -polarity of  $\tau$ ,  $(s_n x_n; n \in N)$  is SF-summable with respect to  $\tau$  for each  $(s_n; n \in N) \in l_1$ . Choosing  $(s_n; n \in N) \in l_1$  such that  $s_n \neq 0$  for all  $n \in N$ , from (b) we obtain

$$\dim \text{lin} \{s_n x_n; n \in N\} = \dim \text{lin} \{x_n; n \in N\} < \infty.$$

Now suppose that (b) is false; then without loss of generality we may assume the sequence  $(x_n; n \in N)$  to be linearly independent. Since  $(x_n; n \in N)$  is SF-summable, the formula

$$m(A) := \sum_{n \in A} x_n \quad (A \subset N)$$

defines a countably additive vector measure  $m: \mathcal{P}(N) \rightarrow (m_0, \tau)$ . Then, with  $X_n$  as in the proof of Theorem 3, a result of [7], p. 46, Lemma 2, implies  $m(A) \in X_r$  for some  $r \in N$  and all finite subsets  $A$  of  $N$ , and we may suppose that  $r$  is the smallest integer for which this holds. Choose a finite subset  $A$  of  $N$  such that

$$x := \sum_{n \in A} x_n$$

assumes precisely  $r$  distinct values. Then, as  $\|x_m\|_\infty \rightarrow 0$  ( $m \rightarrow \infty$ ) and  $(x_n; n \in N)$  is linearly independent, there exists  $m \in N \setminus A$  such that  $x_m$  assumes at least two different values on the set  $x^{-1}(t)$  for some  $t \in x(I)$

and, at the same time,  $\|x_m\|_\infty$  is small enough to assure that

$$x + x_m = \sum_{n \in A \cup \{m\}} x_n$$

assumes at least  $r + 1$  distinct values. This, however, contradicts the choice of  $r$ .

We refer to [2] for various consequences of Theorem 4.

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