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# Sequential closures of $\sigma$ -subalgebras for a vector measure

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Abstract. Let X be a locally convex space,  $m:\Sigma\to X$  be a vector measure defined on a  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\Sigma$ , and  $L^1(m)$  be the associated (locally convex) space of m-integrable functions. Let  $\Sigma(m)$  denote  $\{\chi_E; E\in \Sigma\}$ , equipped with the relative topology from  $L^1(m)$ . For a subalgebra  $A\subseteq \Sigma$ , let  $A_\sigma$  denote the generated  $\sigma$ -algebra and  $\overline{A}_s$  denote the sequential closure of  $\chi(A)=\{\chi_E; E\in A\}$  in  $L^1(m)$ . Sets of the form  $\overline{A}_s$  arise in criteria determining separability of  $L^1(m)$ ; see [6]. We consider some natural questions concerning  $\overline{A}_s$  and, in particular, its relation to  $\chi(A_\sigma)$ . It is shown that  $\overline{A}_s\subseteq \Sigma(m)$  and moreover, that  $\{E\in \Sigma; \chi_E\in \overline{A}_s\}$  is always a  $\sigma$ -algebra and contains  $A_\sigma$ . Some properties of X are determined which ensure that  $\chi(A_\sigma)=\overline{A}_s$ , for any X-valued measure m and subalgebra  $A\subseteq \Sigma$ ; the class of such spaces X turns out to be quite extensive.

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Let X be a locally convex Hausdorff space (briefly, lcHs),  $\Sigma$  be a  $\sigma$ -algebra of subsets of some set  $\Omega$  and  $m:\Sigma\to X$  be a vector measure (i.e. m is  $\sigma$ -additive). Associated with m is a lcHs  $L^1(m)$  of m-integrable functions. Just as for scalar measures, an important property is the separability of  $L^1(m)$ ; see [6]. In particular, if  $\Sigma(m)$  denotes the subset  $\{\chi_E; E\in \Sigma\}$  of  $L^1(m)$ , then one criteria which ensures the separability of  $L^1(m)$  is the existence of a countably generated  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\Sigma_0\subseteq\Sigma$  such that  $\Sigma(m)=\Sigma_0(m)$ , [6, Proposition 2]. So, the idea is to look for algebras of sets  $\mathcal{A}\subseteq\Sigma$ , hopefully countable, such that the generated  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{A}_\sigma$  satisfies  $\mathcal{A}_\sigma(m)=\Sigma(m)$ . A closely related set is the sequential closure,  $\overline{\mathcal{A}}_s$ , of the set  $\chi(\mathcal{A})=\{\chi_E; E\in\mathcal{A}\}$ , formed in the topological space  $L^1(m)$ . It is always the case that  $\chi(\mathcal{A}_\sigma)\subseteq\overline{\mathcal{A}}_s$  and, if the range,  $m(\Sigma)=\{m(E); E\in\Sigma\}$ , of m is metrizable for the relative topology from X, then actually  $\overline{\mathcal{A}}_s\subseteq\Sigma(m)$  and  $\chi(\mathcal{A}_\sigma)=\overline{\mathcal{A}}_s$ , [6, Proposition 3].

The purpose of this note is to consider the following questions.

- (A) Is it always the case that  $\overline{\mathcal{A}}_s$  is a sequentially closed subset of  $\Sigma(m)$ , rather than just of  $L^1(m)$ ?
- (B) Is  $\{E; \chi_E \in \overline{\mathcal{A}}_s\}$  actually a  $\sigma$ -algebra and is it contained in  $\Sigma$ ?
- (C) Is it always the case that  $\chi(A_{\sigma}) = \overline{A}_s$ ?

The first question was raised in [6, Remark 5 (i)]. It will be shown that Questions A & B have an affirmative answer. The final section is concerned with

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Question C. By the remarks above  $\chi(\mathcal{A}_{\sigma}) = \overline{\mathcal{A}}_s$  whenever X is a Fréchet lcHs or has the property that bounded sets are metrizable (e.g. the strict inductive limit of a sequence of Fréchet spaces). It will be shown that Question C has a positive answer in a much larger class of lcH-spaces.

### 1. Preliminaries

Let X be a lcHs and  $m: \Sigma \to X$  be a vector measure. A  $\Sigma$ -measurable function  $f: \Omega \to \mathbb{C}$  is called m-integrable if it is integrable with respect to the complex measure  $\langle m, x' \rangle : E \mapsto \langle m(E), x' \rangle$ , for  $E \in \Sigma$ , for every  $x' \in X'$  (the continuous dual space of X) and if, for every  $E \in \Sigma$ , there exists an element of X, denoted by  $\int_E f dm$ , which satisfies  $\langle \int_E f dm, x' \rangle = \int_E f d\langle m, x' \rangle$ , for every  $x' \in X'$ . The linear space of all m-integrable functions is denoted by L(m). Let  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  denote the family of all continuous seminorms in X or, at least enough seminorms to determine the given lc-topology  $\tau$  in X. Each  $q \in \mathcal{P}(X)$  induces a seminorm q(m) in L(m) via the formula

(1) 
$$q(m): f \mapsto \sup\{\int_{\Omega} |f|d|\langle m, x'\rangle|; x' \in U_q^0\}, \qquad f \in L(m),$$

where  $|\nu|$  denotes the total variation measure of a complex measure  $\nu: \Sigma \to \mathbb{C}$  and  $U_q^0 \subseteq X'$  denotes the polar of the closed q-unit ball  $U_q = q^{-1}([0,1])$ . The seminorms (1), as q varies through  $\mathcal{P}(X)$ , define a lc-topology  $\tau(m)$  in L(m). Since  $\tau(m)$  may not be Hausdorff we form the usual quotient space of L(m) with respect to the closed subspace  $\bigcap_{q \in \mathcal{P}(X)} q(m)^{-1}(\{0\})$ . The resulting Hausdorff space (with topology again denoted by  $\tau(m)$ ) is denoted by  $L^1(m)$ ; it can be identified with equivalence classes of functions from L(m) modulo m-null functions, where a function  $f \in L(m)$  is m-null whenever  $\int_E f dm = 0$ , for every  $E \in \Sigma$ . All of the above definitions and further properties of  $L^1(m)$  can be found in [4].

Let  $\Sigma(m)$  denote the subset of  $L^1(m)$  corresponding to  $\{\chi_E; E \in \Sigma\} \subseteq L(m)$ . Elements of  $\Sigma(m)$  will be identified with equivalence classes of elements from  $\Sigma$ . The topology  $\tau(m)$  of  $L^1(m)$  induces a topology on  $\Sigma(m)$  by restriction (again denoted by  $\tau(m)$ ).

Let  $\Lambda$  be a topological Hausdorff space and  $Y \subseteq \Lambda$ . Then [Y] denotes the set of all elements in  $\Lambda$  which are the limit of some sequence of points from Y. A set  $Y \subseteq \Lambda$  is called sequentially closed if Y = [Y]. The sequential closure  $\overline{Y}_s$ , of a set  $Y \subseteq \Lambda$ , is the smallest sequentially closed subset of  $\Lambda$  which contains Y. Alternatively, let  $Y_0 = Y$ . Let  $\Omega_1$  be the smallest uncountable ordinal. Suppose that  $0 < \alpha < \Omega_1$  and that  $Y_\beta$  has been defined for all ordinals  $\beta$  satisfying  $0 \le \beta < \alpha$ . Define  $Y_\alpha = [\cup_{0 \le \beta \le \alpha} Y_\beta]$ . Then  $\overline{Y}_s = \cup_{0 \le \alpha \le \Omega_1} Y_\alpha$ .

### 2. Questions A and B

Throughout this section X is a lcHs. Given a vector measure  $m: \Sigma \to X$  and a  $\mathbb{R}$ -valued function  $f \in L(m)$  we define  $A(f) = \{w \in \Omega; |1 - f(w)| \leq \frac{1}{2}\}.$ 

**Lemma 1.** Let  $f \in L^1(m)$  be  $\mathbb{R}$ -valued. Then, for every  $E \in \Sigma$ ,

$$|\chi_E - \chi_{A(f)}| \le 2|\chi_E - f|.$$

PROOF: follows from the identity  $|\chi_E - \chi_F| = \chi_{E \triangle F}$ , valid for every  $E, F \in \Sigma$ , where  $E \triangle F = (E \backslash F) \cup (F \backslash E)$ .

**Proposition 1.** Let  $m: \Sigma \to X$  be a vector measure. Then  $\Sigma(m)$  is a  $\tau(m)$ -closed subset of  $L^1(m)$ .

PROOF: Given any  $f \in L^1(m)$  and  $E \in \Sigma$ , Lemma 1 implies that

$$|\chi_E - \chi_{A(Re(f))}| \le 2|\chi_E - Re(f)| = 2|Re(\chi_E - f)| \le 2|\chi_E - f|.$$

These inequalities and (1) show that

$$q(m)(\chi_E - \chi_{A(Re(f))}) \le 2q(m)(\chi_E - f), \qquad q \in \mathcal{P}(X).$$

It follows that if  $\{\chi_{E(\alpha)}\}$  is a net in  $\Sigma(m)$  which is  $\tau(m)$ -convergent to  $f \in L^1(m)$ , then  $f = \chi_{A(Re(f))}$  and so  $f \in \Sigma(m)$ .

**Remark 1.** (i) An affirmative answer to Question A is now immediate from Proposition 1 and the fact that  $\chi(A) \subseteq \Sigma(m)$  with  $\overline{A}_s$  being the sequential closure of  $\chi(A)$  in  $L^1(m)$ .

(ii) For the particular case of  $\mathcal{A}=\Sigma$ , Proposition 1 implies that  $\overline{\mathcal{A}}_s=\Sigma(m)$  is not just sequentially closed in  $L^1(m)$  but, is actually closed. This is not typically the case for a proper  $\sigma$ -subalgebra  $\mathcal{A}\subseteq\Sigma$ . For instance, let  $X=\mathbb{C}^{[0,1]}$  denote the vector space of all  $\mathbb{C}$ -valued functions on  $\Omega=[0,1]$  equipped with pointwise operations. Then X is a (complete) lcHs for the topology  $\tau$  of pointwise convergence on  $\Omega$ . Let  $\Sigma$  denote the  $\sigma$ -algebra of all subsets of  $\Omega$  and define a vector measure  $m:\Sigma\to X$  by  $m(E)=\chi_E$ , for  $E\in\Sigma$ . It turns out that every function  $f:\Omega\to\mathbb{C}$  belongs to  $L^1(m)$  and  $\int_E f dm=\chi_E f$ , for  $E\in\Sigma$ . The topology  $\tau(m)$  is the topology in  $L^1(m)$  of pointwise convergence on  $\Omega$ . Let  $\mathcal{A}\subset\Sigma$  be the  $\sigma$ -algebra of all Borel sets. Then  $\overline{\mathcal{A}}_s=\chi(\mathcal{A})$  which is clearly sequentially closed in  $L^1(m)$  but, is surely not closed.

The answer to Question B is provided by the following

**Proposition 2.** Let  $m: \Sigma \to X$  be a vector measure and  $A \subseteq \Sigma$  be an algebra of sets. Then  $\{E; \chi_E \in \overline{A}_s\}$  is a  $\sigma$ -subalgebra of  $\Sigma$  and contains  $A_{\sigma}$ .

PROOF: Define  $A_0 = \chi(A) \subseteq \Sigma(m)$  and  $A_1 = [A_0]$ . Let  $\chi_E \in A_1$ , say  $\chi_E = \lim \chi_{E(n)}$  where  $E(n) \in A$  for  $n = 1, 2, \cdots$ . Since  $\chi_E - \chi_{E(n)} = \chi_{E(n)^c} - \chi_{E^c}$ , for all  $n = 1, 2, \ldots$ , it follows from (1) that

$$q(m)(\chi_{E^c} - \chi_{E(n)^c}) = q(m)(\chi_E - \chi_{E(n)}), \qquad q \in \mathcal{P}(X).$$

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Accordingly,  $\chi_{E(n)^c} \to \chi_{E^c}$  in  $\Sigma(m)$ . Hence,  $\chi_{E^c} \in \mathcal{A}_1$  whenever  $\chi_E \in \mathcal{A}_1$ .

Suppose also that  $\chi_F \in \mathcal{A}_1$  and  $F(n) \in \mathcal{A}$ , for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , are sets such that  $\chi_{F(n)} \to \chi_F$  in  $\Sigma(m)$ . Since  $\mathcal{A}$  is an algebra  $F(n) \cap E(n) \in \mathcal{A}$ , for each  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  Moreover,

$$|\chi_{E \cap F} - \chi_{E(n) \cap F(n)}| \le |\chi_E - \chi_{E(n)}| \chi_F + |\chi_F - \chi_{F(n)}| \chi_{E(n)}|$$

and hence, for each  $q \in \mathcal{P}(X)$ ,

 $q(m)(\chi_{E\cap F} - \chi_{E(n)\cap F(n)}) \leq q(m)((\chi_E - \chi_{E(n)})\chi_F) + q(m)((\chi_F - \chi_{F(n)})\chi_{E(n)}).$ But, it is clear from (1) that  $q(m)(\chi_R f) \leq q(m)(f)$ , for every  $R \in \Sigma$  and  $f \in L^1(m)$ , from which it follows that

$$q(m)(\chi_{E\cap F} - \chi_{E(n)\cap F(n)}) \le q(m)(\chi_E - \chi_{E(n)}) + q(m)(\chi_F - \chi_{F(n)}).$$

Accordingly, also  $\chi_{E \cap F} \in \mathcal{A}_1$  whenever  $\chi_E, \chi_F \in \mathcal{A}_1$ . Hence,  $\{E; \chi_E \in \mathcal{A}_1\}$  is an algebra of subsets of  $\Sigma$ .

By a transfinite induction argument it now follows that

 $\{E; \chi_E \in \overline{\mathcal{A}}_s\} = \bigcup_{0 \leq \alpha < \Omega_1} \{E; \chi_E \in \mathcal{A}_\alpha\}$  is an increasing union of algebras of sets from  $\Sigma$  and hence, is itself an algebra of sets from  $\Sigma$ .

Suppose that  $\{E(n)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a monotone sequence from  $\{E; \chi_E \in \overline{\mathcal{A}}_s\}$  with limit  $E \in \Sigma$ , say. Then  $\{\chi_{E(n)}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a sequence in  $\Sigma(m)$  with pointwise limit  $\chi_E$ . Let  $j: X \to \widehat{X}$  be an isomorphism of X onto a dense subspace j(X) of its completion  $\widehat{X}$ . Then the set function  $\widehat{m}: \Sigma \to \widehat{X}$  given by  $\widehat{m} = j \circ m$  is a vector measure and  $L^1(m)$  is a linear subspace of  $L^1(\widehat{m})$ . Moreover, each  $q \in \mathcal{P}(X)$  has a unique extension to a continuous seminorm  $\widehat{q} \in \mathcal{P}(\widehat{X})$  which satisfies  $\widehat{q}(\widehat{m})(\chi_E) = q(m)(\chi_E)$ , for every  $F \in \Sigma$ . Accordingly,

 $q(m)(\chi_E - \chi_{E(n)}) = q(m)(\chi_{E \triangle E(n)}) = \hat{q}(\hat{m})(\chi_{E \triangle E(n)}) = \hat{q}(\hat{m})(\chi_E - \chi_{E(n)}),$  for each  $n=1,2,\ldots$  By the Dominated Convergence Theorem for vector measures in sequentially complete spaces, [4, II Theorem 4.2], applied to  $\hat{m}$  in  $\hat{X}$ , it follows that  $\hat{q}(\hat{m})(\chi_E - \chi_{E(n)}) \to 0$ , as  $n \to \infty$ , and hence, also  $q(m)(\chi_E - \chi_{E(n)}) \to 0$ . This shows that  $\chi_{E(n)} \to \chi_E$  in  $L^1(m)$ . The sequential closedness of  $\overline{\mathcal{A}}_s$  implies that  $\chi_E \in \overline{\mathcal{A}}_s$ . This shows that  $\{E; \chi_E \in \overline{\mathcal{A}}_s\}$ , in addition to being an algebra of sets, is also a monotone class and hence, is actually a  $\sigma$ -algebra.

The inclusion  $\chi(\mathcal{A}_{\sigma}) \subseteq \overline{\mathcal{A}}_s$  is established in [6, Lemma 2 (iii)] for the case when X is sequentially complete. By passing to the completion  $\widehat{X}$  and arguing as above, the proof given in [6, Lemma 2 (iii)] can easily be modified to apply in any lcHs X.

We give a simple application of Proposition 2. Let Y be a Banach space and X = L(Y) be the space of all bounded linear operators from Y into itself, equipped with the strong operator topology. The notion of a Boolean algebra (briefly, B.a.) of projections which is  $\sigma$ -complete (in the sense of W. Bade) is by now standard, [2, Chapter XVII, §3]. This is a generalization to Banach spaces of the classical notion of the resolution of the identity of a normal operator in Hilbert space.

Corollary 2.1. Let Y be a Banach space,  $\mathcal{M} \subseteq L(Y)$  be a Bade  $\sigma$ -complete B.a. and  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{M}$  be a Boolean subalgebra. Then the sequential closure  $\overline{\mathcal{B}}_s$ , of  $\mathcal{B}$ , in the lcHs L(Y) is a sequentially complete, Bade  $\sigma$ -complete B.a. containing  $\mathcal{B}$  and is minimal with respect to these properties.

PROOF: An argument along the lines of the proof of Proposition 2 shows that  $\overline{\mathcal{B}}_s = \bigcup_{0 \leq \alpha < \Omega_1} \mathcal{B}_\alpha$  is the increasing union of a family of B.a.'s and hence, is itself a B.a. It then follows from a standard result about monotone limits of sequences in a Bade  $\sigma$ -complete B.a., [2, XVII Lemma 3.4], that  $\overline{\mathcal{B}}_s$  is Bade  $\sigma$ -complete. Since closed, bounded subsets of the quasicomplete lcHs L(Y) are complete and  $\overline{\mathcal{B}}_s$  is sequentially closed, it follows that  $\overline{\mathcal{B}}_s$  is sequentially complete. The minimality condition is routine to verify.

A Bade  $\sigma$ -complete B.a. is a complete subset of L(Y) iff it is Bade complete as a B.a., [2, XVII Corollary 3.7 & Lemma 3.23]. Hence, Corollary 2.1 is of some interest since, in applications, sequential completeness often suffices. Moreover, the sequential closure is sometimes easier to determine than the full closure in L(Y).

#### 3. Question C

Let  $m: \Sigma \to X$  be a vector measure and  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \Sigma$  be an algebra of sets. Recall that  $\mathcal{A}_{\sigma}$  is the  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by  $\mathcal{A}$ . It has been shown that always  $\chi(\mathcal{A}_{\sigma}) \subseteq \overline{\mathcal{A}}_s$  and, under certain conditions on X (e.g. bounded sets are metrizable), it is known this inclusion is an equality. The question is whether it is always true that  $\chi(\mathcal{A}_{\sigma}) = \overline{\mathcal{A}}_s$ . Of course, this is equivalent to the question of whether  $\chi(\mathcal{A}_{\sigma})$  is sequentially closed in  $\Sigma(m)$ ? The construction of  $\mathcal{A}_{\sigma}$  from  $\mathcal{A}$  is a transfinite procedure of a set theoretic nature whereas the construction of  $\overline{\mathcal{A}}_s = \overline{\chi(\mathcal{A})_s}$  is a transfinite procedure of a topological nature; it is unclear whether these different processes lead to the "same" set.

It is now necessary to have a more precise notation. If we wish to indicate the dependence of the sequential closure of a subset Y of a topological space  $\Lambda$  on the particular topology  $\tau$  under consideration, then we will denote the sequential closure by  $\overline{Y_s(\tau)}$ . Let X be a lcHs and  $m: \Sigma \to X$  be a vector measure. Let  $\rho$  be any lcH-topology in X consistent with the duality  $\langle X, X' \rangle$ ; for brevity we will simply call  $\rho$  a consistent lcH-topology. If  $X_\rho$  denotes X equipped with the topology  $\rho$  and  $m_\rho: \Sigma \to X_\rho$  denotes the set function m considered as taking its values in  $X_\rho$ , then the Orlicz-Pettis theorem, [4, I Theorem 1.3], guarantees that  $m_\rho$  is also a vector measure. Clearly  $L^1(m)$  and  $L^1(m_\rho)$  coincide as vector spaces and  $\Sigma(m)$  and  $\Sigma(m_\rho)$  coincide as sets. Proposition 2 applied to  $m_\rho$  in  $X_\rho$  shows that  $\chi(\mathcal{A}_\sigma) \subseteq \overline{\mathcal{A}_s(\rho)}$  for every consistent lcH-topology  $\rho$ . If  $\rho_1$  is weaker than  $\rho_2$ , then clearly  $\overline{\mathcal{A}_s(\rho_2)} \subseteq \overline{\mathcal{A}_s(\rho_1)}$ . It follows that if  $\chi(\mathcal{A}_\sigma) = \overline{\mathcal{A}_s(\rho)}$  for some consistent lcH-topology  $\rho$ , then actually  $\chi(\mathcal{A}_\sigma) = \overline{\mathcal{A}_s(\nu)}$  for every consistent lcH-topology  $\nu$  in X satisfying  $\rho \subseteq \nu \subseteq \mu$ , where  $\mu$  is the Mackey topology in X. We summarise these comments in the following

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**Lemma 2.** Let  $m: \Sigma \to X$  be a vector measure and  $A \subseteq \Sigma$  be an algebra of sets. If  $\rho$  is any consistent lcH-topology in X for which  $\chi(A_{\sigma}) = \overline{A_s(\rho)}$ , then also  $\chi(A_{\sigma}) = \overline{A_s(\nu)}$  for every consistent lcH-topology  $\nu$  in X satisfying  $\rho \subseteq \nu \subseteq \mu$ .

The weak topology  $\sigma(X, X')$  is also denoted simply by  $\sigma$ .

**Proposition 3.** Let X be a quasicomplete lcHs with the property that its weakly compact sets are metrizable for  $\sigma(X, X')$ . Let  $m : \Sigma \to X$  be a vector measure and  $A \subseteq \Sigma$  be an algebra of sets. Then  $\chi(A_{\sigma}) = \overline{A_s(\rho)}$  for every consistent lcH-topology  $\rho$  in X. In particular,  $\chi(A_{\sigma}) = \overline{A_s}$  where  $\overline{A_s}$  is formed with respect to the given topology in X.

PROOF: It is known that the range  $m(\Sigma)$ , of m, is relatively  $\sigma(X, X')$ -compact, [4, IV Theorem 6.1]. Consider  $m_{\sigma}: \Sigma \to X_{\sigma}$ . An examination of the proof of [6, Proposition 3 (i)] shows that it does not require the lcHs X there to be sequentially complete (a standing hypothesis in [6]) and hence, by this result applied to  $m_{\sigma}$  in  $X_{\sigma}$  it follows that  $\chi(\mathcal{A}_{\sigma}) = \overline{\mathcal{A}_{s}(\sigma)}$ . Then Lemma 2 implies the result.

- Remark 2. (i) Proposition 3 applies to a large class of spaces X, different from the spaces X admitted in Proposition 3(i) of [6] where typically the bounded sets of X are required to be metrizable for the *given* topology in X. For example, if X is a quasicomplete Suslin lcHs, then it is also Suslin for the weak topology, [8], and hence, compact subsets of  $X_{\sigma}$  are metrizable for the weak topology, [1, Chapter 9, Appendix 1, Corollary 2 to Proposition 3]. The class of lcH Suslin spaces is quite extensive, [7]; [8]. Or, if X' is weak-star separable, then compact subsets of  $X_{\sigma}$  are metrizable for  $\sigma(X, X')$ , [3, Proposition 3.2]. Or, if X = Y' is a dual space, then certain properties of Y may imply that particular balanced, convex,  $\sigma(X, Y)$ -closed and bounded (or equicontinuous) subsets of X, including the balanced, closed, convex hull of  $m(\Sigma)$ , are  $\sigma(X, Y)$ -metrizable, [6, Proposition 4].
- (ii) For a particular measure  $m: \Sigma \to X$  the conclusion of Proposition 3 holds under the assumption that just  $m(\Sigma)$  itself is  $\sigma(X, X')$ -metrizable; no particular properties of the space X are then required.

Remark 2, Proposition 3 and [6, Proposition 3 (i)] show that there is an extensive class of spaces X with the property that  $\chi(\mathcal{A}_{\sigma}) = \overline{\mathcal{A}}_s$ , whenever  $m : \Sigma \to X$  is a vector measure and  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \Sigma$  is an algebra of sets. For all further examples of vector measures m in spaces X which are known to the author (some such examples are given in [6] where X does not have any properties of the type above) the equality  $\chi(\mathcal{A}_{\sigma}) = \overline{\mathcal{A}}_s$  also holds. This suggests the conjecture that perhaps  $\chi(\mathcal{A}_{\sigma}) = \overline{\mathcal{A}}_s$  always holds in general. If so, then this would be an interesting result because it would follow that  $\chi(\mathcal{A}_{\sigma}) = \overline{\mathcal{A}}_s(\rho)$ , for every consistent lcH-topology  $\rho$  in X. That is, the sequential closure of  $\chi(\mathcal{A})$  in  $\Sigma(m)$  would be, as a subset of  $\Sigma(m)$ , independent of which topology  $\rho(m_{\rho})$  is used in  $\Sigma(m)$ !

In conclusion, we recall that a vector measure  $m: \Sigma \to X$  is called *closed*, [4, Chapter IV], if  $(\Sigma(m), \tau(m))$  is a complete topological space. It is easy to exhibit examples of vector measures m which are not closed, [4, p. 77]. However,

all examples of vector measures m known to the author have the property that  $\Sigma(m)$  is  $\tau(m)$ -sequentially complete; call such a vector measure  $\sigma$ -closed. It would be interesting to know whether all vector measures are necessarily  $\sigma$ -closed.

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