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Let  $E$  be a dual Banach space.  $E$  is said to have quasi-weak\*-normal structure if for each weak\* compact convex subset  $K$  of  $E$  there exists  $x \in K$  such that  $\|x - y\| < \text{diam}(K)$  for all  $y \in K$ .  $E$  is said to satisfy Lim's condition if whenever  $\{x_\alpha\}$  is a bounded net in  $E$  converging to 0 in the weak\* topology and  $\lim \|x_\alpha\| = s$  then  $\lim_\alpha \|x_\alpha + y\| = s + \|y\|$  for any  $y \in E$ . Lim's condition implies (quasi) weak\*-normal structure. Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space. In this paper, we prove that  $\mathcal{T}(H)$ , the space of trace class operators on  $H$ , always has quasi-weak\*-normal structure for any  $H$ ;  $\mathcal{T}(H)$  satisfies Lim's condition if and only if  $H$  is finite dimensional. We also prove that the space of bounded linear operator on  $H$  has quasi-weak\*-normal structure if and only if  $H$  is finite dimensional; the space of compact operators on  $H$  has quasi-weak-normal structure if and only if  $H$  is separable. Finally we prove that if  $X$  is a locally compact Hausdorff space, then  $C_0(X)^*$  satisfies Lim's condition if and only if  $C_0(X)^*$  is isometrically isomorphic to  $l_1(\Gamma)$  for some non-empty set  $\Gamma$ .

**1. Introduction.** Let  $E$  be a Banach space. A bounded convex subset  $K$  of  $E$  has *normal structure* if every non-trivial convex subset  $H$  of  $K$  contains a point  $x_0$  such that

$$\sup\{\|x_0 - y\| : y \in H\} < \text{diam}(H).$$

Here  $\text{diam}(H) = \sup\{\|x - y\| : x, y \in H\}$  denotes the diameter of  $H$ . The Banach space  $E$  is said to have normal structure if every bounded closed convex subset of  $E$  has normal structure. If  $E$  is a dual space then  $E$  is said to have weak\* normal structure if every weak\* compact convex subset of  $E$  has normal structure. In [6] Lim introduced the notion of weak\* normal structure and proved that  $l_1$  has this property. It also follows from the proof of Theorem 3 in [4] that  $l_1(\Gamma)$  has the same property for any non-empty set  $\Gamma$ . Furthermore, an application of Proposition 2 in [9] shows that  $l_\infty(\Gamma)$  has weak\* normal structure if and only if  $\Gamma$  is a finite set.

Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space. Let  $\mathcal{B}(H)$  be the space of bounded linear operators from  $H$  into itself with the operator norm. Let  $\mathcal{C}(H)$  be the closed ideal of compact operators in  $\mathcal{B}(H)$ . Then, as is well known,

$\mathcal{C}(H)^{**} = \mathcal{B}(H)$  and  $\mathcal{C}(H)^*$  can be identified with  $\mathcal{T}(H)$ , the trace-class operators on  $H$  with the trace norm (see [12, pp. 63–64]). When  $H$  is infinite dimensional, it is known that  $\mathcal{C}(H)$  and  $\mathcal{T}(H)$  contain isometric copies of  $c_0$  and  $l_1$ , respectively [12, Proposition 1.4 and Theorem 1.6 p. 62]. It follows, then, that the Banach spaces  $\mathcal{C}(H)$ ,  $\mathcal{T}(H)$  and  $\mathcal{B}(H)$  do not have normal structure unless  $H$  is finite dimensional [1].

A concept weaker than that of normal structure was introduced by Soardi in [11]. A bounded convex subset  $K$  of a Banach space has quasi-normal structure (or close-to-normal structure [13]) if for every non-trivial closed convex subset  $H$  of  $K$ , there exists  $x \in H$  such that  $\|x - y\| < \text{diam}(H)$  for all  $y \in H$ . A Banach space has quasi-normal structure (quasi-weak-normal structure) if every bounded (weakly compact) closed convex subset has quasi-normal structure. If, in addition, it is a dual Banach space then it has quasi-weak\*-normal structure if every weak\* compact convex subset has quasi-normal structure.

In §2 of this paper, we prove, among other things, three theorems on quasi-normal structure and its generalizations for certain spaces of operators on a Hilbert space  $H$ . First, we prove that  $\mathcal{B}(H)$  has quasi-weak\*-normal structure if and only if  $H$  is finite dimensional (Theorem 1). Secondly, we prove that  $\mathcal{T}(H)$  has quasi-weak\*-normal structure for any  $H$  (Theorem 2). Finally, we prove that  $\mathcal{C}(H)$  has quasi-weak-normal structure if and only if  $H$  is separable (Theorem 3). A table summarizing our results is provided at the end.

Let  $E$  be a Banach space. Then  $E^*$  is said to satisfy *Lim's condition* if whenever  $\{\phi_\alpha\}$  is a bounded net in  $E^*$ ,  $\phi_\alpha$  converges to 0 in the weak\* topology and  $\lim_\alpha \|\phi_\alpha\| = s$ , then  $\lim_\alpha \|\phi_\alpha + \psi\| = s + \|\psi\|$  for any  $\psi \in E^*$ . In [6], Lim showed that  $l_1$  satisfies this condition for sequences. Also a simple modification of the proof of Theorem 3 [4] shows that Lim's condition implies weak\* normal structure (see Lemma 4). We prove in section 4 that (Theorem 4) if  $X$  is a locally compact Hausdorff space, then the dual Banach space  $C_0(X)^*$  satisfy Lim's condition if and only if  $C_0(X)^*$  is isometric isomorphic to  $l_1(\Gamma)$  for some non-empty set  $\Gamma$ . We also prove that (Theorem 5) if  $H$  is a Hilbert space, then  $\mathcal{T}(H)$  satisfy Lim's condition if and only if  $H$  is finite dimensional.

As known [6, Theorem 1], if  $E$  is dual Banach space with weak\* normal structure, then every nonexpansive mapping  $T$  of a non-empty weak\* compact convex subset  $K$  of  $E$  (i.e.  $\|Tx - Ty\| \leq \|x - y\|$  for any  $x, y \in K$ ) into itself has a fixed point. Also [13, Theorem 1] if  $E$  is a Banach space with quasi-weak-normal structure if and only if every

Kannan map  $T$  of a non-empty weakly compact convex subset  $K$  of  $E$  (i.e.  $\|Tx - Ty\| \leq (\|x - Tx\| + \|y - Ty\|)/2$ , for any  $x, y \in K$ ) into itself has a fixed point.

**2. Quasi-normal structures.**

**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space. Then  $\mathcal{B}(H)$  has quasi-weak\*-normal structure if and only if  $H$  is finite dimensional.*

*Proof.* If  $H$  is finite dimensional, then  $\mathcal{B}(H)$  is finite dimensional. Hence  $\mathcal{B}(H)$  has normal structure.

Conversely if  $H$  is infinite dimensional, write  $H = l_2(\Gamma)$  where  $\Gamma$  is a complete orthonormal basis of  $H$ . Consider the map  $\rho: l_\infty(\Gamma) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(l_2(\Gamma))$  defined by

$$\rho(f)(h)(t) = f(t)h(t), \quad t \in \Gamma.$$

Then  $\rho$  is an isometry and algebra isomorphism of  $l_\infty(\Gamma)$  into  $\mathcal{B}(l_2(\Gamma))$  which is continuous when  $l_\infty(\Gamma)$  has the weak\* topology and  $\mathcal{B}(H)$  has the weak operator topology. By Proposition 2 in [9], there exists a weak\* compact convex subset  $K$  of  $l_\infty(\Gamma)$  such that for each  $f \in K$ , there exists  $g \in K$  with  $\|f - g\|_\infty = \text{diam}(K) > 0$ . Since weak\* topology and the weak operator topology agree on bounded subset of  $\mathcal{B}(H)$ ,  $\rho(K)$  is also a weak\* compact convex subset of  $\mathcal{B}(H)$  with positive diameter. In particular  $\mathcal{B}(H)$  does not have the quasi-weak\*-normal structure.

**LEMMA 1.** *Let  $E$  be a dual Banach space. Then  $E$  has quasi-weak\*-normal structure if it satisfies*

*whenever  $\{x_\alpha\}$  is a net in  $E$ ,  $x_\alpha$  converges to  $x$  in the*  
 (\*\*) *weak\* topology and  $\|x_\alpha\|$  converges to  $\|x\|$ , then  $x_\alpha$*   
*converges to  $x$  in norm.*

*Proof.* Suppose there exists a weak\* compact convex subset  $K$  of  $E$ ,  $\text{diam}(K) > 0$ , such that for each  $x \in K$ , there exists  $T(x) \in K$  with  $\|x - T(x)\| = \text{diam}(K)$ . Following an idea of Wong [13, Theorem 2], let  $W(K)$  denote the supremum of  $\{|H|; H \text{ is a diametral subset of } K\}$  ( $H$  is diametral if  $\|x_1 - x_2\| = \text{diam}(K)$  whenever  $x_1, x_2 \in H, x_1 \neq x_2$ ). As shown in the proof of Theorem 2 in [13],  $W(K)$  is infinite. Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $K$  such that  $\|x_n - x_m\| = \text{diam}(K), n \neq m$ . Since  $K$  is weak\* compact, there exists a subnet  $\{x_{n_\alpha}\}$  of  $\{x_n\}$  such that  $x_{n_\alpha}$  converges to some  $z \in K$  in the weak\*-topology. Passing to a subnet if necessary, we

may assume that the net  $\{\|x_{n_\alpha} - T(z)\|\}$  also converges. Then

$$\text{diam}(K) = \|z - T(z)\| \leq \lim_{\alpha} \|x_{n_\alpha} - T(z)\| \leq \text{diam}(K).$$

So  $\lim_{\alpha} \|x_{n_\alpha} - T(z)\| = \text{diam}(K)$ . Since  $\{x_{n_\alpha} - T(z)\}$  converges in the weak\* topology to  $z - T(z)$ , and  $\lim_{\alpha} \|x_{n_\alpha} - T(z)\| = \|z - T(z)\|$ , it follows that  $\{x_{n_\alpha} - T(z)\}$  converges in norm to  $z - T(z)$ . In particular, the net  $\{x_{n_\alpha}\}$  converges in norm to  $z$  also. This contradicts the choice of the sequence  $\{x_n\}$ .

The next lemma is due to K. McKennon [7, Lemma, 3.2]. For the sake of completeness, we give a short proof.

**LEMMA 2 (McKennon [7]).** *Let  $A$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra and  $\{e_\alpha\}$  be an approximate identity of  $A$ ,  $e_\alpha \geq 0$  and  $\|e_\alpha\| \leq 1$ . Let  $\{\phi_\beta\}$  be a net in  $A^*$  such that  $\phi_\beta \rightarrow \phi$  in the weak\* topology and  $\|\phi_\beta\| \rightarrow \|\phi\|$ . Then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\alpha_0, \beta_0$  such that*

$$(1) \quad \|R_{e_{\alpha_0}}\phi - \phi\| < \varepsilon$$

and

$$(2) \quad \|R_{e_{\alpha_0}}\phi_\beta - \phi_\beta\| < \varepsilon$$

for all  $\beta \geq \beta_0$ , where  $R_\varepsilon\phi(x) = \phi(xe)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x \in A$ ,  $\|x\| \leq 1$ . Then using [5, Lemma 3.3] and some properties of positive linear functionals, we obtain the following estimate

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle R_{e_\alpha}\phi - \phi, x \rangle|^2 &= |\langle \phi, x \cdot e_\alpha - x \rangle|^2 = |\langle \phi, x \cdot (1 - e_\alpha) \rangle|^2 \\ &\leq \|\phi\| |\phi| \left[ (x \cdot (1 - e_\alpha))^* (x \cdot (1 - e_\alpha)) \right] \\ &= \|\phi\| |\phi| \left[ (1 - e_\alpha)x^*x(1 - e_\alpha) \right] \\ &\leq \|\phi\| |\phi| \left[ (1 - e_\alpha)(1 - e_\alpha) \right] \leq \|\phi\| |\phi|(1 - e_\alpha), \end{aligned}$$

where 1 is the identity in the enveloping von Neumann algebra  $A^{**}$  of  $A$  and  $|\phi|$  is the absolute value of  $\phi$ . Since the net  $\{e_\alpha\}$  converges to 1 in the weak\* topology of  $A^{**}$ , (1) follows from the above estimate.

A similar estimate as above shows that

$$\|R_{e_{\alpha_0}}\phi_\beta - \phi_\beta\| \leq \|\phi_\beta\| |\phi_\beta|(1 - e_{\alpha_0}).$$

Using [5, Lemma 3.5] and the fact that for each positive form  $|\phi_\beta|$ ,  $\| |\phi_\beta| \| = \|\phi_\beta\| = |\phi_\beta|(1)$ , the right side of the above estimate converges to  $\|\phi\| |\phi|(1 - e_{\alpha_0})$ . Hence (2) follows.

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space. Then  $\mathcal{T}(H)$  has the quasi-weak\*-normal structure.*

*Proof.* By Lemma 1, it suffices to show that  $\mathcal{T}(H) = \mathcal{C}(H)^*$  has property (\*\*). Let  $\mathcal{P}$  denote all orthogonal projections of  $H$  onto a finite dimensional subspace of  $H$ . Order  $\mathcal{P}$  by:  $P \geq Q$  iff  $QP = PQ = Q$ . Then  $(\mathcal{P}, \leq)$  is an approximate identity for  $\mathcal{C}(H)$ . Since every  $T \in \mathcal{C}(H)$  can be written in the form  $T = T_1 + iT_2$ ,  $T_i$  self-adjoint,  $i = 1, 2$ , it suffices to show that if  $T$  is self-adjoint, then  $\lim \|TP - T\| = \lim \|PT - T\| = 0$ . Indeed, if  $T \in \mathcal{C}(H)$  and  $T$  is self-adjoint, then by the spectral theorem  $T = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \lambda_i P_i$ , where  $\lambda_i \rightarrow 0$  as  $i \rightarrow \infty$  and  $P_i \in \mathcal{P}$ . Given  $\varepsilon > 0$  choose  $n$  such that  $\|T - \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i P_i\| < \varepsilon$ . Let  $Q \in \mathcal{P}$  be such that  $Q \geq P_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Then for all  $P \geq Q$ ,

$$\|TP - T\| \leq \|TP - S_n P\| + \|S_n P - S_n\| + \|S_n - T\| < 2\varepsilon,$$

where  $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i P_i$ . Similarly, we can show  $\lim \|PT - T\| = 0$ . We also note that each  $P \in \mathcal{P}$  is positive and has norm one.

Let  $\{\phi_\beta\}$  be a net in  $\mathcal{C}(H)^*$  converging to some  $\phi \in \mathcal{C}(H)^*$  in the weak\* topology and  $\|\phi_\beta\| \rightarrow \|\phi\|$ . By Lemma 2, there exists  $P_0 \in \mathcal{P}$  and  $\beta_0$  such that

$$(3) \quad \|R_{P_0}\phi - \phi\| < \varepsilon/2 \quad \text{and} \quad \|R_{P_0}\phi_\beta - \phi_\beta\| < \varepsilon/2$$

for all  $\beta \geq \beta_0$ . By considering the reversed  $C^*$ -algebra, we may also assume that

$$(4) \quad \|L_{P_0}\phi - \phi\| < \varepsilon/2 \quad \text{and} \quad \|L_{P_0}\phi_\beta - \phi_\beta\| < \varepsilon/2.$$

where  $(L_{P_0}\phi)(T) = \phi(P_0T)$ ,  $T \in \mathcal{C}(H)$ . Consequently, if  $\beta \geq \beta_0$ ,

$$(5) \quad \|R_{P_0}L_{P_0}\phi - \phi\| \leq \|R_{P_0}L_{P_0}\phi - R_{P_0}\phi\| + \|R_{P_0}\phi - \phi\| < \varepsilon$$

since  $\|R_{P_0}\| \leq \|P_0\| = 1$  by (3) and (4). Similarly

$$(6) \quad \|R_{P_0}L_{P_0}\phi_\beta - \phi_\beta\| < \varepsilon.$$

Also,  $P_0\mathcal{C}(H)P_0$  is a finite dimensional algebra over  $C$ . Hence,  $\{\phi_\beta\}$ , restricted to  $P_0\mathcal{C}(H)P_0$  converges to  $\phi$  in norm. Consequently, there exists  $\beta_1 \geq \beta_0$  such that

$$(7) \quad \|T_{P_0}L_{P_0}\phi_\beta - R_{P_0}L_{P_0}\phi\| < \varepsilon$$

if  $\beta \geq \beta_1$ . Now if  $\beta \geq \beta_1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\phi_\beta - \phi\| &\leq \|\phi_\beta - R_{P_0}L_{P_0}\phi_\beta\| + \|R_{P_0}L_{P_0}\phi_\beta - R_{P_0}L_{P_0}\phi\| \\ &\quad + \|R_{P_0}L_{P_0}\phi - \phi\| < 3\varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

by (5), (6) and (7).

REMARK. Clearly if a dual Banach space  $E$  has the weak\* normal structure then  $E$  has the quasi-weak\*-normal structure. But the converse is false. Indeed, let  $E$  the space of absolutely summable real sequences with norm

$$\|x\| = \max\{\|x^+\|_1, \|x^-\|_1\}$$

where  $x^+, x^-$  denote the positive and negative part of  $x$  respectively and  $\|x\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^\infty |x_i|$ . Then, as shown by Lim [6] (Lemma 1 and Example 1),  $E$  is a dual Banach space which does not have weak\* normal structure. However, since  $E$  is separable, an argument similar to that of Wong [13, Theorem 2] shows that  $E$  has quasi-weak\*-normal structure.

*Problem 1.* Does the trace class operator  $\mathcal{T}(H) = \mathcal{C}(H)^*$  with dual norm have the weak\* normal structure or the weak normal structure?

LEMMA 3. *Let  $\Gamma$  be a non-empty set. Then  $c_0(\Gamma)$  has the quasi-weak-normal structure if and only if  $\Gamma$  is countable.*

*Proof.* If  $\Gamma$  is countable then  $c_0(\Gamma)$  is norm separable. Hence each weakly compact convex subset of  $c_0(\Gamma)$  has quasi-normal structure by Theorem 2 in [13].

Conversely, if  $\Gamma$  is not countable, consider  $\Gamma$  as a group (say the free group on  $|\Gamma|$  generators). Pick  $a \in \Gamma$ . Let  $f = \delta_a$  i.e.  $f(x) = 1$  if  $x = a$  and  $f(x) = 0$  if  $x \neq a$ . Let  $K$  denotes the closed convex hull of  $\{l_x f; x \in \Gamma\}$ , where  $(l_x f)(t) = f(xt)$ ,  $t \in \Gamma$ . Then  $K$  is weakly compact ([2, Corollary 3.7]) and  $\text{diam}(K) = 1$ . Now if  $g \in K$ , let  $\sigma \subseteq \Gamma$  be a countable set such that  $g(t) = 0$  if  $t \in \Gamma \sim \sigma$ . Pick  $z \in \Gamma \sim \sigma$  and let  $h = \delta_z$ . Then  $h \in K$  and  $\|g - h\|_\infty = 1$ . Hence  $K$  does not have quasi-normal structure.

THEOREM 3. *Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space. Then  $H$  is separable if and only if  $\mathcal{C}(H)$  has quasi-weak-normal structure.*

*Proof.* If  $H$  is separable, then  $\mathcal{C}(H)^*$  is separable [10, Proposition 2.1.10]). Hence  $\mathcal{C}(H)$  is separable. Consequently every weakly compact convex subset of  $\mathcal{C}(H)$  has quasi-normal structure by [13, Theorem 2].

Conversely, if  $H$  is not separable, then  $H$  is isomorphic to  $l_2(\Gamma)$  for an uncountable set  $\Gamma$ . Consider the map  $\rho: c_0(\Gamma) \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(l_2(\Gamma))$  defined by

$$\rho(f)(h)(t) = f(t)h(t), \quad t \in \Gamma,$$

then  $\rho$  is an isometry and an algebra isomorphism of  $c_0(\Gamma)$  into  $\mathcal{B}(l_2(\Gamma))$ . Furthermore,  $\rho(f)$  is compact for each  $f \in c_0(\Gamma)$ . By Lemma 3, there exists a weakly compact convex subset  $K$  in  $c_0(\Gamma)$  which does not have

quasi-normal structure. In particular,  $\rho(K)$  is a weakly compact convex subset of  $\mathcal{C}(H)$  which does not have quasi-normal structure also.

**Summary.** In the Table we shall abbreviate normal structure by n.s., quasi-normal structure by q.n.s., etc. We assume  $\Gamma$  is not finite and  $H$  is not finite dimensional.

$\underline{c_0(\Gamma)}$	$\underline{l_1(\Gamma)}$	$\underline{l_\infty(\Gamma)}$
No n.s.	No n.s.	No n.s.
q.w.n.s.	w*.n.s.	No q.w*.n.s
$\Updownarrow$		
$\Gamma$ is countable	w.n.s.	
$\underline{\mathcal{C}(H)}$	$\underline{\mathcal{T}(H)}$	$\underline{\mathcal{B}(H)}$
No n.s.	No n.s.	No n.s.
q.w.n.s.	w*.n.s.(?)	No q.w*.n.s.
$\Updownarrow$		
$H$ is separable	w.n.s.(?)	
	q.w*.n.s.	

**3. On Lim's condition.** Let  $E$  be a Banach space. Then  $E^*$  is said to satisfy *Lim's condition* if whether  $\{\phi_\alpha\}$  is a bounded net in  $E^*$ ,  $\phi_\alpha$  converges to 0 in the weak\* topology and  $\lim_\alpha \|\phi_\alpha\| = s$ , then  $\lim_\alpha \|\phi_\alpha + \psi\| = s + \|\psi\|$  for any  $\psi \in E^*$ .

In [6], Lim showed that  $l_1$  satisfies this condition for sequences.

**LEMMA 4.** *Let  $E$  be a Banach space. If  $E^*$  satisfies Lim's condition, then  $E^*$  has the following properties:*

(a) *Norm and weak\* topology agree on  $S = \{\phi \in E^*; \|\phi\| = 1\}$*

(b) *For any  $0 < \epsilon < 2$ , if  $\{\phi_\alpha\}$  is a net in  $E^*$ ,  $\|\phi_\alpha\| \leq 1$ ,  $\phi_\alpha \rightarrow \phi$  in the weak\*-topology and  $\|x_\alpha - x_\beta\| \geq \epsilon$  for all  $\alpha \neq \beta$ , then  $\|\phi\| \leq 1 - \epsilon/2$ .*

*In particular,  $E^*$  has the Radon Nikodym Property and weak\* normal structure.*

*Proof.* (a) Let  $\{\phi_\alpha\}$  be a net in  $S$ ,  $\phi \in S$  such that  $\phi_\alpha \rightarrow \phi$  in the weak\*-topology. Suppose  $\|\phi_\alpha - \phi\| \rightarrow 0$ . Then we may assume, by passing to a subnet if necessary, that  $\|\phi_\alpha - \phi\| \geq \epsilon$  for each  $\alpha$ . Since  $\{\|\phi_\alpha - \phi\|\}$  is bounded by 2, we may further assume that  $\lim_\alpha \|\phi_\alpha - \phi\| = s \geq \epsilon > 0$ .



Let  $\psi_\alpha = \phi_\alpha - \phi$ . Then  $\psi_\alpha \rightarrow 0$  in the weak\*-topology but

$$1 = \lim_\alpha \|\phi + (\phi_\alpha - \phi)\| = \|\phi\| + s > 1$$

which is impossible.

(b) We may assume that  $\|\phi_\alpha - \phi\| \geq \varepsilon/2$  for each  $\alpha$ , and

$$\lim_\alpha \|\phi_\alpha - \phi\| = s.$$

Then by Lim's condition,

$$\lim_\alpha \|\phi_\alpha\| = \lim_\alpha \|(\phi_\alpha - \phi) + \phi\| = s + \|\phi\|$$

i.e.  $s + \|\phi\| \leq 1$  or  $\|\phi\| \leq 1 - s \leq 1 - \varepsilon/2$ .

The last statement follows from Corollary 8 and Proposition 9 in [8], and the proof of Theorem 3 [4] (That  $E^*$  has weak\* normal structure also follows simple modification of Lim's proof of Theorem 3 in [6]).

Given a locally compact Hausdorff space  $X$ , let  $C_0(X)$  denote the  $C^*$ -algebra of complex-valued continuous functions  $f$  on  $X$  such that for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a compact subset  $\sigma$  of  $X$  such that  $|f(x)| \leq \varepsilon$  for  $x \in X \setminus \sigma$  with the supremum norm.

**THEOREM 4.** *Let  $X$  be a locally compact Hausdorff space. The dual Banach space  $C_0(X)^*$  satisfies Lim's condition if and only if  $C_0(X)^*$  is isometric isomorphic to  $l_1(\Gamma)$  for some non-empty set  $\Gamma$ .*

*Proof.* If  $C_0(X)^*$  satisfies Lim's condition, then, by Lemma 4,  $C_0(X)^*$  has the Radon Nikodym Property. Since  $C_0(X)^{**} = M$  is the enveloping von Neumann algebra of the  $C^*$ -algebra  $C_0(X)$ , it follows from Theorem 4 in [3] that  $M$  is the direct sum of Type I factors i.e.  $M$  is isomorphic to  $\sum_{\alpha \in \Gamma} \oplus \mathcal{B}(H_\alpha)$ . Since  $M$  is commutative,  $H_\alpha = C$  for each  $\alpha \in \Gamma$ . In particular,  $C_0(X)^* \approx l_1(\Gamma)$ .

Suppose  $C_0(X)^*$  is isometric isomorphic to  $l_1(\Gamma)$  for some non empty set  $\Gamma$ . We may assume that  $\Gamma$  is infinite. Let  $\{f_\alpha\}$  be a bounded net in  $l_1(\Gamma)$  such that  $f_\alpha \rightarrow 0$  in the weak\*-topology and  $\lim_\alpha \|f_\alpha\| = s$ . Let  $g \in l_1(\Gamma)$ . Since  $\|f_\alpha - g\| \leq \|f_\alpha\| + \|g\|$  for each  $\alpha$ , we may assume, by passing to a subnet if necessary, that  $\lim_\alpha \|f_\alpha - g\| = t$  exists. Clearly we have  $t \leq s + \|g\|$ . To see that we actually have equality, let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Observe that in  $l_1(\Gamma)$ ,

$$(1) \quad \|f_\alpha - g\| \geq \|f_\alpha\| - \|g\| + 2 \sum_{s \in \sigma} (|g(s)| - |f_\alpha(s)|)$$

for any subset  $\sigma$  of  $\Sigma$ . Now let  $\sigma$  be a finite subset such that  $\sum_{s \in \sigma} |g(s)| > \|g\| - \varepsilon$ . For this  $\sigma$ , we can choose  $\alpha_0$ , using the weak\* convergence of  $f_\alpha$  and the convergence of  $\|f_\alpha\|$ , so that for all  $\alpha \geq \alpha_0$  we have  $\sum_{s \in \sigma} |f_\alpha(s)| < \varepsilon$  and  $\|f_\alpha\| > s - \varepsilon$ . Then for all  $\alpha \geq \alpha_0$  we have from (1)

$$\|f_\alpha - g\| \geq s - \varepsilon - \|g\| + 2\|g\| - 2\varepsilon - 2\varepsilon = s + \|g\| - 5\varepsilon.$$

Thus  $t \geq s + \|g\|$ .

*Problem 2.* Let  $X$  be a locally compact Hausdorff space. When does  $C_0(X)^*$  have the weak\* normal structure?

**THEOREM 5.** *Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space. Then  $\mathcal{T}(H)$  satisfies Lim's condition if and only if  $H$  is finite dimensional.*

*Proof.* If  $H$  is finite dimensional, then  $\mathcal{T}(H)$  is finite dimensional. Hence  $\mathcal{T}(H)$  satisfies Lim's condition.

If  $H$  is infinite dimensional, let  $\{\xi_n, n = 1, 2, \dots\}$  be an orthonormal sequence in  $H$ . For each  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , define  $\phi_n(T) = \langle T\xi_1, \xi_n \rangle$ . Then  $\phi_n \in \mathcal{T}(H)$ ,  $\|\phi_n\| = 1$  and  $\phi_n \rightarrow 0$  weakly. Indeed, if  $T \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ , then

$$\infty > \|T\xi_1\|^2 = \sum_{\alpha \in I} |\langle T\xi_1, \xi_\alpha \rangle|^2 \geq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\langle T\xi_1, \xi_n \rangle|^2 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\phi_n(T)|^2$$

where  $\{\xi_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$  is a complete orthonormal set of  $H$  containing  $\{\xi_n\}$ . So  $\phi_n(T) \rightarrow 0$ . Also  $\|\phi_n - \phi_1\| \leq \sqrt{2}$  for each  $n$ . Hence  $\overline{\lim}_n \|\phi_n - \phi_1\| \leq \sqrt{2}$  i.e.  $\lim_n \|\phi_n - \phi_1\| \neq \lim \|\phi_n\| + \|\phi_1\|$ . In particular,  $\mathcal{T}(H)$  does not satisfy Lim's condition.

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