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*Abstract.* It is proved that if  $E, F$  are separable quasi-Banach spaces, then  $E \times F$  contains a dense dual-separating subspace if either  $E$  or  $F$  has this property.

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### Introduction.

In [2] Klee answered (negatively) the following question posed by A. Robertson and W. Robertson: If a topological vector space (tvs)  $E$  is dual-separating, i.e. its topological dual  $E'$  separates points of  $E$  from zero, is the same true of its completion? Klee's Corollary 3.6 of [2] leads to the following: If  $E$  is an infinite dimensional separable Banach space and  $0 < p < 1$ , then the product  $L^p \times E$  contains a dense dual-separating subspace. In fact, if  $\tau$  is the original topology of  $L^p$  and  $\vartheta$  a vector topology on  $L^p$  such that  $(L^p, \vartheta) \cong E$ , then  $\tau$  and  $\vartheta$  are orthogonal [2]. Now by Corollary 3.6 of [2] we obtain that the completion of  $Z = (L^p, \sup(\tau, \vartheta))$  ( $Z$  is dual-separating!) is the product  $(L^p, \tau) \times E$ . Recall that  $L^p$  with  $\tau$  is without non-trivial continuous linear functionals [1].

In this note we extend this result by showing the following:

**Theorem.** *Let  $E, F$  be two separable quasi-Banach spaces. Then  $E \times F$  contains a dense dual-separating subspace if either  $E$  or  $F$  contains a dense dual-separating subspace.*

A tvs  $E$  is quasi-Banach if  $E$  is metrizable and complete and  $E$  has a bounded neighbourhood of zero; in this case  $E$  is locally  $p$ -convex for some  $0 < p \leq 1$ , [5, p. 61].

PROOF OF THEOREM: Our Theorem follows from the following

**Lemma.** *Let  $(E, \tau)$  be an infinite dimensional separable quasi-Banach space and  $(Y, \vartheta)$  an infinite dimensional separable metrizable and complete tvs. Let  $G$  be a dense dual-separating subspace of  $(E, \tau)$ . Then there exists an injective linear map  $P$  from  $G$  into  $Y$  such that  $D = \{(x, P(x)) : x \in G\}$  is a dense dual-separating subspace of the product  $(E, \tau) \times (Y, \vartheta)$ .*

PROOF: Set  $\tau_0 = \tau | G$ . First we find on  $G$  a separable normed topology  $\beta$  such that the topology  $\inf(\tau_0, \beta)$  is indiscrete. Next we prove that  $G$  admits a Hausdorff vector topology  $\alpha < \beta$  such that the completion  $(G, \alpha)^\wedge$  of  $(G, \alpha)$  is isomorphic to  $(Y, \vartheta)$ .

Suppose we have already found such topologies. Then  $\inf(\tau_0, \alpha)$  is indiscrete. Hence  $\Delta = \{(x, x) : x \in G\}$  is dense in  $(G, \tau_0) \times (G, \alpha)$ . Since we have  $(G, \sup(\tau_0, \alpha)) \cong (\Delta, \tau_0 \times \alpha | \Delta)$ , then  $(G, \sup(\tau_0, \alpha))^\wedge \cong (\Delta, \tau_0 \times \alpha | \Delta)^\wedge \cong (E, \tau) \times (G, \alpha)^\wedge \cong (E, \tau) \times (Y, \vartheta)$ . Let  $P$  be an isomorphism from  $(G, \alpha)$  onto a dense subspace of  $(Y, \vartheta)$ . Then  $Q : (x, y) \rightarrow (x, P(y))$ ,  $x, y \in G$ , is an isomorphism from  $(G, \tau_0) \times (G, \alpha)$  onto a dense subspace of  $(G, \tau_0) \times (Y, \vartheta)$ . Hence  $Q | \Delta : (x, x) \rightarrow (x, P(x))$  is an isomorphism from  $\Delta$  onto a dense subspace  $D = \{(x, P(x)) : x \in G\}$  of  $(E, \tau) \times (Y, \vartheta)$ . This also proves that  $D$  is dual-separating. Now we construct  $\beta$  on  $G$ . Let  $\mu(G, G')$  be the Mackey topology on  $G$  associated with  $\tau_0$ , i.e. the finest locally convex topology on  $G$  weaker than  $\tau_0$ . Let  $B$  be the  $\tau_0$ -unit ball and set  $W = \text{conv } B$ . Then  $\mu(G, G')$  is normed and  $W$  is a  $\mu(G, G')$ -bounded neighbourhood of zero. By [4, Theorem 1], there exists a sequence  $(G_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of  $\tau_0$ -dense subspaces of  $G$  such that  $\dim G_n = c$  and  $G = \bigoplus_{n=1}^{\infty} G_n$ . Let  $p_w$  be the Minkowski functional of  $W$  and set  $q_w(x) = \sup_n (n+1)^{-1} p_w(x_n)$ , where  $x_n \in G_n$ ,  $x = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$ . Then  $(G, q_w)$  is a normed space. Let  $\beta$  be the topology defined by  $q_w$ . Set  $U_p = \{x \in G : p_w(x) \leq 1\}$ ,  $V_q = \{x \in G : q_w(x) \leq 1\}$ . Clearly  $tB \subset U_p$  for some  $0 < t < 1$  and  $(n+1)U_p \cap G_n \subset V_q$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Moreover  $V_q$  is  $\tau_0$ -dense. In fact, let  $x \in G$ . Then  $x \in tnS$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , where  $S$  is a balanced  $\tau_0$ -neighbourhood of zero such that  $S + S \subset B$ . Since  $G_n$  is  $\tau_0$ -dense, there exists  $x_n \in G_n$  such that  $x_n - x \in tS \subset S$ . Therefore  $x_n \in x + tS \subset tnB \subset (n+1)U_p \cap G_n \subset V_q$ . Hence we have that  $\inf(\tau_0, \beta)$  is indiscrete and  $\beta$  is separable. Now we construct  $\alpha$ . It is enough to find such a topology on the completion  $H$  of  $(G, \beta)$ . Since  $H$  is an infinite dimensional separable Banach space, there exists a biorthogonal system  $(x_n, f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that  $x_n \in H$ ,  $f_n \in H'$ ,  $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is equicontinuous and total on  $H$ . Let  $(y_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence in  $(Y, \vartheta)$  such that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} y_n$  absolutely converges;  $\text{lin}\{y_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is  $\vartheta$ -dense;  $(y_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is linearly  $m$ -independent, i.e. if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} t_n y_n = 0$  for  $(t_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in \ell^\infty$ , then  $t_n = 0$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , [3, Theorem 1]. Then the linear map  $T : H \rightarrow Y$ ,  $T(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(x) y_n$  is an injective compact map such that  $T(H)$  is dense in  $Y$  and different from  $Y$ . This enables us to find a topology  $\alpha$  as required. The proof is complete.  $\square$

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