

## ON NONSEPARABLE SIMPLEX SPACES

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**Abstract.**

We construct, for any given cardinality  $\kappa \geq \aleph_0$ , two simplices  $S_1, S_2$  satisfying the following:

- (i)  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  have dense extreme point sets,
- (ii)  $A(S_1)$  and  $A(S_2)$  are nonisomorphic,
- (iii) the density characters of  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are equal to  $\kappa$ ,
- (iv) the density characters of  $A(S_1)$  and  $A(S_2)$  coincide.

**1.**

It is well-known that there is, up to affine homeomorphisms, one and only one metrizable compact infinite dimensional Choquet simplex  $S$  whose extreme point set  $\text{ex } S$  is dense in  $S$ . This simplex is of some interest e.g. in statistical mechanics. Moreover it has the property that all metrizable compact simplices are affinely homeomorphic to faces of  $S$ . The purpose of this note is to show that the condition  $\text{ex } S = S$  is not a characterization of a unique simplex for any density character except in the metrizable case. We construct, for each density character, even for  $\aleph_0$ , two examples of simplices  $S$  with dense extreme point sets whose corresponding simplex spaces

$$A(S) = \{f: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid f \text{ affine continuous}\}$$

(endowed with the sup-norm) are nonisomorphic. A similar result is proven for unit balls  $B(X^*)$  of dual  $L_1$ -spaces  $X^*$  with the  $w^*$ -topology. This is done by extending the results of [7]. We also want to point out that such non-metrizable simplices can be constructed without using deep set theoretical machinery. In fact, the following proofs use only simple topological and geometrical tools.

Recall that the density character  $\alpha(X)$  of a topological space  $X$  is the infimum of the cardinalities of the dense subsets of  $X$ . This definition makes sense since the cardinal numbers are well ordered (see [1]). Theorems 1.1 and 1.4 below are extensions of Theorems 7 and 1 of [7]. We use "simplex" in the sense of compact Choquet simplex.

1.1. THEOREM. *Let  $F$  be a simplex. Then there is a simplex  $S \cong F$  satisfying the following*

- (1)  $\text{ex } S = S$ ,
- (2)  $F$  is a face of  $S$ ,
- (3) there exists an isometry  $T: A(F) \rightarrow A(S)$  with  $T1_F = 1_S$  and  $Tf|_F = f$  for all  $f \in A(F)$ ,
- (4)  $\alpha(S) = \alpha(F)$  and  $\alpha(A(F)) = \alpha(A(S))$ ,
- (5)  $S$  is sequentially compact if  $F$  is sequentially compact.

We postpone the main proofs to the following sections.

1.2. COROLLARY. *If  $F$  is metrizable, then  $S$  is metrizable.*

PROOF. If  $F$  is metrizable, then  $A(F)$  is separable. Hence  $\alpha(A(F)) = \aleph_0 = \alpha(A(S))$  which means,  $S$  is metrizable.

1.3. COROLLARY. *For any infinite cardinal number  $\kappa$ , there are two simplices  $S_1, S_2$  with dense extreme point sets such that  $\alpha(S_1) = \alpha(S_2) = \kappa$  and  $\alpha(A(S_1)) = \alpha(A(S_2))$ , but such that  $A(S_1)$  and  $A(S_2)$  are not isomorphic. In particular,  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are not affinely homeomorphic.*

*Moreover, if  $\kappa \geq$  the cardinality of the continuum, then there are  $S_1, S_2$  such that in addition  $\alpha(A(S_1)) = \alpha(A(S_2)) = \kappa$ .*

We observe that, for any simplex  $S$ ,  $\alpha(S) \leq \alpha(A(S)) \leq 2^{\alpha(S)}$  (see Lemma 3.1.). It seems remarkable that, even if  $\kappa = \aleph_0$ , simplices  $S_1, S_2$  with the preceding properties exist. In this case we have  $\alpha(A(S_1)) = \alpha(A(S_2)) > \aleph_0$  because of the fact that metrizable simplices  $S$  with dense extreme point sets (e.g. where  $\alpha(A(S)) = \aleph_0$ ) are unique (up to affine homeomorphisms). The analogous results are true for  $L_1$ -predual spaces  $G$ , where the extreme point sets of the dual unit balls,  $\text{ex } B(G^*)$ , are  $w^*$ -dense in  $B(G^*)$ . Recall, a biface  $H$  of  $B(G^*)$  is a subset of the form  $H = \text{conv}(F \cup -F)$ , where  $F$  is a (not necessarily  $w^*$ -close) face of  $B(G^*)$ .

1.4. THEOREM. *Let  $X$  be an  $L_1$ -predual. Then there is an  $L_1$ -predual  $G \supset X$  satisfying the following*

- (6)  $\overline{\text{ex } B(G^*)}^{w^*} = B(G^*)$ ,
- (7)  $\alpha(G) = \alpha(X)$  and  $\alpha(B(G^*)) = \alpha(B(X^*))$ ,
- (8) there exists a contractive projection  $P: G \rightarrow X$  such that  $P^*B(X^*)$  is a biface of  $B(G^*)$ . (Here  $P^*$  is the adjoint of  $P$ .)

(9) If  $B(X^*)$  is  $w^*$ -sequentially compact, so is  $B(G^*)$ .

(8) implies that  $P^*B(X^*)$  and  $B(X^*)$  are  $w^*$ -affinely homeomorphic.

1.5. COROLLARY. For any cardinal number  $\kappa \geq$  the cardinality of the continuum, there are two  $L_1$ -predual spaces  $G_1, G_2$  such that  $\text{ex } \overline{B(G_i^*)}^{w^*} = B(G_i^*)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , and  $\kappa = \alpha(G_1) = \alpha(G_2)$ , but  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are not isomorphic to each other.

If  $\kappa = \aleph_0$ , the situation is different. According to the introductory remarks, in this case all such spaces  $G$  are isometrically isomorphic to each other. Nevertheless, it is possible to construct two nonisomorphic spaces  $G_1, G_2$  such that  $\alpha(G_1) = \alpha(G_2)$  and  $\alpha(B(G_1^*)) = \alpha(B(G_2^*)) = \aleph_0$  (see section 4).

2.

Section 2 is devoted to the proof of Theorem 1.1. Let  $X$  be a Banach space. We need a well-known result concerning density characters. To make the paper self-contained, we include a proof.

2.1. LEMMA. If  $V \subset X^*$  is a bounded subset endowed with the  $w^*$ -topology, then

$$\alpha(V) \leq \alpha(X).$$

PROOF. Let  $\Gamma$  be a dense subset of  $X$  of cardinality  $\alpha(X)$ . Let  $\Delta$  be the set of all pairs  $(\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}, r)$ , where  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \Gamma$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , and  $r$  is a positive rational number. Hence the cardinality of  $\Delta$  is equal to  $\alpha(X)$ . If

$$\delta = (\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}, r) \in \Delta,$$

put  $E_\delta = \text{span}\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ . Fix a finite subset  $A_\delta \subset V$  such that for each  $x^* \in V$ , there is  $y^* \in A_\delta$  with  $\|(x^* - y^*)|_{E_\delta}\| \leq r$ . Then  $\bigcup_{\delta \in \Delta} A_\delta$  is a  $w^*$ -dense subset of  $V$  whose cardinality is  $\leq \alpha(X)$ .

For any  $\Gamma$  let  $l_\infty(\Gamma)$  be the Banach space of all bounded real valued functions and  $c_0(\Gamma)$  the subspace of all functions vanishing at infinity. Clearly, the unit ball  $B(c_0(\Gamma)^*)$  of  $c_0(\Gamma)^*$  is  $w^*$ -sequentially compact. This follows from the fact that each  $\mu \in c_0(\Gamma)^*$  is a measure on  $\Gamma$  which is supported by only a countable number of elements in  $\Gamma$ . (We identify in the following a regular bounded Borel measure  $\mu$  on a locally compact Hausdorff space  $K$  with the corresponding functional on

$$C_0(K) = \{f: K \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid f \text{ continuous, } f \text{ vanishes at } \infty\}.$$

Now let  $X = A(F)$  be a simplex space. Denote by  $e$  the function of  $F$  which is one everywhere. Let  $S(X)$  be the state space of  $X$  with respect

to  $e$ , that is

$$S(X) = \{x^* \in X^* \mid \|x^*\| = 1 = x^*(e)\}.$$

Then  $F \cong S(X)$  (affinely homeomorphic). Here  $S(X)$  is endowed with the  $w^*$ -topology.

Let  $\Gamma \subset S(X)$  be  $w^*$ -dense, such that the cardinality of  $\Gamma$  is  $\alpha(S(X))$ . Consider  $(X \oplus l_x(\Gamma))_{(x)}$ , where

$$\|(x, f)\| = \max(\|x\|, \|f\|), \quad x \in X, f \in l_x(\Gamma).$$

We identify  $X$  with the subspace of  $(X \oplus l_x(\Gamma))_{(x)}$  consisting of all  $(x, \hat{x})$ ,  $x \in X$ . Here  $\hat{x} \in l_x(\Gamma)$  is defined by  $\hat{x}(\mu) = \mu(x)$ ,  $\mu \in \Gamma$ . This identification is clearly an isometry. Put

$$(10) \quad Y = Y(X, \Gamma) = \text{span}(\{(x, \hat{x}) \mid x \in X\} \cup \{(0, f) \mid f \in c_0(\Gamma)\}).$$

$Y$  is a subspace of  $(X \oplus l_x(\Gamma))_{(x)}$ . Let  $S(Y)$  be the state space of  $Y(X, \Gamma)$  with respect to  $(e, \hat{e})$ .

2.2. LEMMA.  $Y(X, \Gamma)$  is a simplex space. The underlying simplex is affinely homeomorphic to  $S(Y)$ .

PROOF. By assumption on  $e$ , we have  $\hat{e} \equiv 1$ .  $(e, \hat{e})$  is an extreme point of the unit ball of  $Y(X, \Gamma)$ . Hence it suffices to show that  $Y(X, \Gamma)^*$  is an  $L_1$ -space (see [3]). To this end, let  $B_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 4$ , be balls in  $Y(X, \Gamma)$  with centers  $(x_i, \hat{x}_0 + f_i)$  and radii  $r_i$  such that  $B_i \cap B_j \neq \emptyset$  for all  $i$  and  $j$ . We claim that  $\bigcap_{i=1}^4 B_i \neq \emptyset$  which proves that  $Y(X, \Gamma)^* \cong L_1$  (see [4]). Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$ . We obtain by our assumptions on  $B_i$  and the definition of the norm in  $Y(X, \Gamma)$  that

$$\|x_i - x_j\| \leq r_i + r_j \quad \text{and} \quad \|\hat{x}_i + f_i - (\hat{x}_j + f_j)\| \leq r_i + r_j$$

for all  $i$  and  $j$ . Since  $X$  is an  $L_1$ -predual, there is  $x \in X$  with  $\|x - x_i\| \leq r_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 4$ , (see [4]). Since  $f_i \in c_0(\Gamma)$ , there is a finite subset  $\Omega \subset \Gamma$  such that  $|f_i(\mu)| \leq \varepsilon$  for  $\mu \in \Gamma \setminus \Omega$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 4$ . We have

$$\|\hat{x}_i + f_i - \hat{x} - (\hat{x}_j + f_j - \hat{x})\| \leq r_i + r_j$$

for all  $i$  and  $j$ . Since  $l_x(\Omega)$  is a (finite dimensional)  $L_1$ -predual, there is  $f \in c_0(\Gamma)$  supported by  $\Omega$ , such that

$$|(\hat{x}_i + f_i - \hat{x} - f)(\omega)| \leq r_i$$

for all  $i$  and  $\omega \in \Omega$ . By assumption on  $\Omega$  we obtain

$$\|\hat{x}_i + f_i - \hat{x} - f\| \leq r_i + \varepsilon$$

for all  $i$ . This means  $\bigcap_{i=1}^4 \tilde{B}_i \neq \emptyset$ , if  $\tilde{B}_i$  are the balls with centers

$(x_i, \hat{x}_i + f_i)$  and radii  $r_i + \varepsilon$ . Since  $\varepsilon > 0$  was arbitrary this implies  $\bigcap_{i=1}^4 B_i \neq \emptyset$  (see [4]).

Let  $P_X: Y(X, \Gamma) \rightarrow X$  be defined by

$$(11) \quad P_X(x, f) = x, \quad (x, f) \in Y(X, \Gamma).$$

Clearly,  $P_X$  is a contractive projection onto  $X$ . (Recall, we identified  $x$  with  $(x, \hat{x})$ ,  $x \in X$ .)

Let  $\hat{S}(X) = \{(\mu, 0) \in Y(X, \Gamma)^* \mid \mu \in S(X)\}$  and

$$(12) \quad M(\Gamma) = \{(0, \mu) \in Y(X, \Gamma)^* \mid \mu \text{ a probability measure on } \Gamma\}.$$

Note that any probability measure  $\mu$  on  $\Gamma$  is of the form  $\mu = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \lambda_i \hat{\mu}_i$ , where  $0 \leq \lambda_i$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \lambda_i = 1$ ,  $\mu_i \in \Gamma$  and  $\hat{\mu}_i(f) = f(\mu_i)$ ,  $f \in l_{\infty}(\Gamma)$ .

If

$$S(X \oplus l_{\infty}(\Gamma)) = \{(\mu, \nu) \in (X \oplus l_{\infty}(\Gamma))^* \mid 0 \leq \mu(e), \nu(\hat{e}) \leq 1, \mu(e) + \nu(\hat{e}) = 1, \|\mu\| + \|\nu\| = 1\},$$

then by Hahn-Banach  $S(X \oplus l_{\infty}(\Gamma))_Y = S(Y)$ . Hence in view of (10) every element in  $S(Y)$  is of the form  $(\mu, \nu)$ , where  $\mu \in [0, 1] \cdot S(X)$ ,  $\nu \in (\hat{X} + c_0(\Gamma))^*$ ,  $0 \leq \nu(\hat{e}) \leq 1$ ,  $\|\mu\| + \|\nu\| = 1$ . ( $\hat{X} = \{\hat{x} \in l_{\infty}(\Gamma) \mid x \in X\}$ .)

2.3. LEMMA.

- (a)  $S(Y) = w^*\text{-clos.conv}(\hat{S}(X) \cup M(\Gamma))$ .
- (b)  $P_X^*(S(X)) = \hat{S}(X)$  is a face of  $S(Y)$ .

PROOF.  $\hat{S}(X) \cup M(\Gamma)$  is a subset of  $S(Y)$  and separates the points in  $Y(X, \Gamma)$ . So (a) follows from the Hahn-Banach separation theorem. If  $(\mu_i, \nu_i) \in S(Y)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , and  $0 < \lambda < 1$  such that

$$\lambda(\mu_1, \nu_1) + (1 - \lambda)(\mu_2, \nu_2) \in P_X^*(S(X)),$$

then there is  $\mu \in S(X)$  with  $(\mu, 0) = (\lambda\mu_1 + (1 - \lambda)\mu_2, \lambda\nu_1 + (1 - \lambda)\nu_2)$ . Hence  $\mu = \lambda\mu_1 + (1 - \lambda)\mu_2$  which implies  $\mu_1, \mu_2 \in S(X)$ . Since  $\|\mu_i\| + \|\nu_i\| = 1$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , we obtain  $\nu_1 = \nu_2 = 0$ . Thus

$$(\mu_i, \nu_i) = (\mu_i, 0) \in \hat{S}(X) = P_X^*(S(X)).$$

2.4. COROLLARY.  $\alpha(Y(X, \Gamma)) = \alpha(X)$  and  $\alpha(S(Y)) = \alpha(S(X))$ . If  $S(X)$  is  $w^*$ -sequentially compact, then  $S(Y)$  is  $w^*$ -sequentially compact. Moreover

$$(13) \quad \text{ex } S(Y)|_X \text{ is } w^*\text{-dense in } S(X).$$

PROOF. At first we observe that the elements  $(0, \mu)$ , where

$$\mu = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \lambda_i \hat{\mu}_i, \quad 0 \leq \lambda_i,$$

$\lambda_i$  rational numbers,  $\sum \lambda_i = 1$ ,  $\mu_i \in \Gamma$ , are  $w^*$ -dense in  $M(\Gamma)$ . Hence

$$\alpha(M(\Gamma)) < \aleph_0 \cdot \aleph_0 \cdot (\text{cardinality of } \Gamma) = \alpha(S(X)).$$

In view of Lemma 2.3 (a), this implies  $\alpha(S(Y)) \leq \alpha(S(X))$ . On the other hand, the restriction map  $S(Y) \rightarrow S(X)$  is surjective and continuous which yields  $\alpha(S(X)) \leq \alpha(S(Y))$ . We conclude  $\alpha(S(X)) = \alpha(S(Y))$ . By (10) and (11) we have  $P_X Y = X$ ,  $(\text{id} - P_X)Y = c_0(\Gamma)$ . Moreover,

$$\alpha(c_0(\Gamma)) = \text{cardinality of } \Gamma = \alpha(S(X)) \leq \alpha(X)$$

(in view of Lemma 2.1). It follows that  $\alpha(Y) = \alpha(X)$ . Furthermore,

$$S(Y) \subset P_X^* S(X) + (\text{id} - P_X)^* B(c_0(\Gamma)^*).$$

Since  $B(c_0(\Gamma)^*)$  is  $w^*$ -sequentially compact,  $S(Y)$  is  $w^*$ -sequentially compact provided  $S(X)$  is  $w^*$ -sequentially compact. Finally, (13) is a consequence of the fact that  $(0, \hat{\mu})$  is an extreme point of  $M(\Gamma)$ , if  $\mu \in \Gamma$  and  $\hat{\mu}(x) = \mu(x)$ ,  $x \in X$ .

2.5. PROOF OF THEOREM 1.1. We use induction to define

$$X \subset Y(X, \Gamma_1) \subset Y(Y(X, \Gamma_1), \Gamma_2) \subset Y(Y(Y(X, \Gamma_1), \Gamma_2), \Gamma_3) \subset \dots$$

as follows: Put  $Y_0 = X$ . If we have  $Y_{n-1}$  already, let  $\Gamma_n \subset S(Y_{n-1})$  be  $w^*$ -dense such that cardinality of  $\Gamma_n = \alpha(S(Y_{n-1}))$ . Put  $Y_n = Y(Y_{n-1}, \Gamma_n)$ . Put

$$P_1 = P_X: Y(X, \Gamma_1) = Y_1 \rightarrow X,$$

$$P_n = P_{n-1} \circ P_{Y_{n-1}}: Y_n \rightarrow X, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

Here  $P_{Y_{n-1}}$  is the corresponding projection from  $Y(Y_{n-1}, \Gamma_n) = Y_n$  onto  $Y_{n-1}$  ((11) with  $Y_{n-1}$  instead of  $X$ ).

Put  $Z = \overline{\cup Y_n}$  (completion): Note that by our construction the function  $e$  corresponding to one in the simplex space  $X$  is the one function in  $Y(X, \Gamma_1)$  once we have identified  $X$  with a subspace of  $Y(X, \Gamma_1)$ . The same applies to all other simplex spaces  $Y_n$  involved. So,  $B(Z)$  has an extreme point (namely the one function  $e$  in  $X \subset Z$ ). On the other hand,  $Z$  is an  $L_1$ -predual space since it is the union of an increasing chain of  $L_1$ -preduals (see [4]). Hence  $Z$  is a simplex space. Therefore the state space  $S(Z)$  of  $Z$  with respect to  $e$  is a simplex and satisfies  $S(Z)|_{Y_n} = S(Y_n)$ ,  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  (13), applied to  $Y_n$  instead of  $X$ , implies that  $\text{ex } S(Z)$  is  $w^*$ -dense in  $S(Z)$ . The  $P_n$  define a global

contractive projection  $P: Z \rightarrow X$  since  $P_n|_{Y_{n-1}} = P_{n-1}$  for all  $n$ . Lemma 2.3. (b) applied to all  $Y_n$  instead of  $X$  yields that  $P_n^*S(X)$  is a face of  $S(Y_n)$  for all  $n$ , hence  $P^*S(X)$  is a face of  $S(Z)$ . Corollary 2.4 yields that  $\alpha(Y_n) = \alpha(Y_{n-1})$ ,  $\alpha(S(Y_n)) = \alpha(S(Y_{n-1}))$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . Hence  $\alpha(Z) = \alpha(X)$ ,  $\alpha(S(Z)) = \alpha(S(X))$ . Furthermore, if  $S(X)$  is  $w^*$ -sequentially compact, then by Corollary 2.4, all  $S(Y_n)$  are  $w^*$ -sequentially compact. Then a routine diagonalization argument yields that  $S(Z)$  is  $w^*$ -sequentially compact. This concludes the proof of Theorem 1.1.

3.

Here we prove Corollary 1.3. To round out the discussion we include the following:

3.1. LEMMA. *If  $S$  is an infinite dimensional simplex then  $\alpha(S) \leq \alpha(A(S)) \leq 2^{\alpha(S)}$ .*

PROOF.  $\alpha(S) \leq \alpha(A(S))$  follows from Lemma 2.1. On the other hand, if  $\Gamma$  is a dense subset of  $S$  with cardinality  $\alpha(S)$ , then  $A(S)$  is isometrically isomorphic to a subspace of  $l_\infty(\Gamma)$  (restriction to  $\Gamma$ ). We have  $\alpha(l_\infty(\Gamma)) = 2^{\alpha(S)}$  (consider the linear span of the functions in  $l_\infty(\Gamma)$  with modulus one which is a dense set with minimal cardinality). Since  $l_\infty(\Gamma)$  is a metric space we obtain  $\alpha(A(S)) \leq \alpha(l_\infty(\Gamma))$ .

3.2. LEMMA. *There is a separable simplex  $E$  which is sequentially compact such that  $\alpha(A(E)) = \alpha(l_\infty)$ .*

PROOF. This follows from a well-known example in general topology: There is a separable compact Hausdorff space  $E$  which is first countable, hence sequentially compact, but which is nonmetrizable (see [2, p. 164 “Helly space”]). It turns out that  $E$  is a simplex:

Let  $E = \{f: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1] \mid f \text{ nondecreasing, } f(1) = 1\}$ .  $E$  as a subset of  $[0, 1]^{[0, 1]}$  is compact (topology of pointwise convergence). With the usual pointwise addition of functions,  $E$  is convex; we have

$$\text{ex } E = \{f \in E \mid f([0, 1]) \subset \{0, 1\}\}.$$

For  $x \in [0, 1]$ , let  $\delta_x$  be the function on  $E$  with  $\delta_x(f) = f(x)$ .  $\delta_x$  is continuous and affine. Moreover,  $\delta_1 \equiv 1$ . The  $\delta_x$  separate the points of  $E$ , hence the closed linear span of the  $\delta_x$  is equal to the space of all continuous affine functions,  $A(E)$ , on  $E$ . To see that  $A(E)$  is a simplex space it suffices to prove that for each  $0 \leq x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_n \leq 1$ , the  $\delta_{x_i}$  span a subspace isometrically isomorphic to  $l_\infty^n$  (see [4]). The latter fact follows from

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \delta_{x_i} \right\| &= \sup_{f \in E} \left| \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i f(x_i) \right| \\ &= \sup_{f \in \text{ex} E} \left| \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i f(x_i) \right| = \sup_{k \leq n} \left| \sum_{i=k}^n \lambda_i \right| \end{aligned}$$

for all scalars  $\lambda_i$ . Hence  $\delta_{x_1}, \dots, \delta_{x_n}$  is equal to the summing basis of  $l_\infty^n$ . We obtain,  $A(E)$  is an  $L_1$ -predual. Since  $1 \in A(E)$ ,  $A(E)$  is a simplex space and  $E$  is a simplex.

$E$  is separable, since every  $f \in E$  is the uniform limit of a sequence of step functions. This also shows that  $f$  has only a countable number of points of discontinuity in  $[0, 1]$ . The latter fact implies that  $E$  is first countable. On the other hand  $\|\delta_x - \delta_y\| = 1$  whenever  $x \neq y$ . Hence

$$\alpha(A(E)) \geq \text{cardinality of } \{\delta_x | x \in [0, 1]\} = 2^{\aleph_0}.$$

Since  $E$  is separable,  $A(E)$  is a subspace of  $l_\infty$ . Hence

$$2^{\aleph_0} \leq \alpha(A(E)) \leq \alpha(l_\infty) = 2^{\aleph_0}.$$

**3.3. LEMMA.** *Let  $\kappa$  be any cardinal number  $\geq \aleph_0$ . Then there are simplices  $F_1, F_2$  such that  $\alpha(F_1) = \alpha(F_2) = \kappa$ ,  $\alpha(A(F_1)) = \alpha(A(F_2))$ ,  $F_1$  is sequentially compact,  $F_2$  is not sequentially compact. Moreover, if  $\kappa \geq 2^{\aleph_0}$  then  $F_1, F_2$  can be arranged such that in addition  $\alpha(A(F_1)) = \alpha(A(F_2)) = \kappa$ .*

**PROOF.** Let  $E_1$  be the simplex of Lemma 3.2 and let  $E_2 = \text{Prob}(\beta\mathbb{N})$  (regarded as subset of  $l_\infty^*$  with the  $w^*$ -topology). Then  $\alpha(E_1) = \alpha(E_2) = \aleph_0$ ,  $E_1$  is sequentially compact,  $E_2$  is not sequentially compact. Moreover

$$\alpha(A(E_1)) = \alpha(A(E_2)) = \alpha(l_\infty) = 2^{\aleph_0}.$$

Let  $\Gamma$  be a set of cardinality  $\kappa$  and let  $c(\Gamma)$  be the subspace of  $l_\infty(\Gamma)$  spanned by  $c_0(\Gamma)$  and  $1_\Gamma$ . Clearly,  $\alpha(c(\Gamma)) = \kappa$  and  $c(\Gamma)$  is a simplex space whose underlying simplex is  $\text{Prob}(\Gamma \cup \{\infty\})$ . Here  $\Gamma \cup \{\infty\}$  is the Alexandrov compactification of  $\Gamma$  with the discrete topology. Put

$$F_1 = \text{conv}(E_1 \times \{0\} \cup \{0\} \times \text{Prob}(\Gamma \cup \{\infty\}))$$

and

$$F_2 = \text{conv}(E_2 \times \{0\} \cup \{0\} \times \text{Prob}(\Gamma \cup \{\infty\})).$$

Hence  $\alpha(F_1) = \alpha(F_2) = \kappa$ ,  $\alpha(A(F_1)) = \alpha(A(F_2))$ , since  $A(F_i) = A(E_i) \oplus c(\Gamma)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .  $F_1$  is sequentially compact,  $F_2$  is not sequentially compact. Finally, if  $\kappa \geq 2^{\aleph_0}$ , then  $\alpha(A(F_i)) = 2^{\aleph_0} \cdot \kappa = \kappa$ .

**3.2. PROOF OF COROLLARY 1.3.** Take the simplex spaces  $A(F_1), A(F_2)$  of



Lemma 3.3 and apply Theorem 1.1. We obtain simplices  $S_1, S_2$  with dense extreme point sets, such that

$$\kappa = \alpha(S_1) = \alpha(S_2) = \alpha(F_1) = \alpha(F_2), \alpha(A(S_1)) = \alpha(A(S_2)) = \alpha(A(F_1)) = \alpha(A(F_2))$$

(by (1), (4)). If  $\kappa \geq 2^{\aleph_0}$ , then  $\kappa = A(F_i) = A(S_i), i = 1, 2$ .  $S_1$  is sequentially compact (by (5)), but  $S_2$  is not sequentially compact since  $F_2 \subset S_2$  and  $F_2$  is not sequentially compact. If  $T: A(S_1) \rightarrow A(S_2)$  were a surjective isomorphism, then  $T^*S(A(S_2))$  (state space of  $A(S_2)$ ) would be a subset of  $\|T^*\|B(A(S_1)^*)$ . Since

$$B(A(S_1)^*) = \text{conv}(S(A(S_1)) \cup -S(A(S_1))),$$

the set  $\|T^*\|B(A(S_2))$  and therefore  $S_2$  would be sequentially compact, a contradiction. This means,  $A(S_1)$  and  $A(S_2)$  are not isomorphic, in particular,  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are not affinely homeomorphic.

4.

Here we prove Theorem 1.4.

Let  $X$  be an  $L_1$ -predual space. We proceed in complete analogy to section 2. Take a  $w^*$ -dense subset  $\Gamma \subset B(X^*)$  whose cardinality is  $\alpha(B(X^*))$ . Define  $Y = Y(X, \Gamma)$  as in (10),  $P_X: Y \rightarrow X$  as in (11), and  $M(\Gamma)$  as in (12).

4.1. LEMMA.  $Y$  is an  $L_1$ -predual space.

$$B(Y^*) = w^*\text{clos.conv}(\{(X^*, 0) \mid x^* \in B(X^*)\} \cup M(\Gamma)).$$

$$\alpha(B(Y^*)) = \alpha(B(X^*)), \quad \alpha(Y) = \alpha(X).$$

$\text{ex } B(Y^*)|_X$  is  $w^*$ -dense in  $B(X^*)$ .  $B(Y^*)$  is  $w^*$ -sequentially compact if  $B(X^*)$  is  $w^*$ -sequentially compact.  $P_X^*B(X^*)$  is a biface of  $B(Y^*)$ .

PROOF. The proofs of the first assertions are identical with the proofs of 2.2, 2.3, 2.4. Only the last assertion of Lemma 4.1 is somewhat different: Since  $X^* \cong L_1$ , there is a (not necessarily  $w^*$ -closed) face  $F$  of  $B(X^*)$  with  $B(X^*) = \text{conv}(F \cup -F)$ . Now exactly as in the proof of 2.3 (b), one sees that  $P_X^*(F)$  is a face of  $B(Y^*)$ . Hence

$$P_X^*B(X^*) = \text{conv}(P_X^*(F) \cup -P_X^*(F))$$

is a biface of  $B(Y^*)$ .

4.2. PROOF OF THEOREM 1.4. Repeat the argument of 2.5 with Lemma 4.1 instead of 2.2, 2.3, 2.4.

4.3. PROOF OF COROLLARY 1.5. Use Lemma 3.3 to find  $L_1$ -predual spaces

$X_1, X_2$  with the same density character, so that  $B(X_1^*)$  is  $w^*$ -sequentially compact,  $B(X_2^*)$  is not  $w^*$ -sequentially compact. (Take  $X_i = A(F_i)$ ,  $F_i$  as in Lemma 3.3,  $i = 1, 2$ , and use  $B(X_i^*) = \text{conv}(\hat{F}_i \cup -\hat{F}_i)$ , where  $\hat{F}_i$  is the state space of  $F_i$ .) Then apply Theorem 1.4 to find  $L_1$ -predual spaces  $G_i \supset X_i$  such that  $\alpha(G_i) = \alpha(X_i)$ ,  $\alpha(B(G_i^*)) = \alpha(B(X_i^*))$ ,

$$\overline{\text{ex } B(G_i^*)}^{w^*} = B(G_i^*), \quad i = 1, 2,$$

$B(G_1^*)$  is  $w^*$ -sequentially compact,  $B(G_2^*)$  is not  $w^*$ -sequentially compact. Then  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  cannot be isomorphic. If we start with  $X_1 = A(E)$ ,  $E$  as in Lemma 3.2 and  $X_2 = l_\infty$ , we obtain spaces  $G_1, G_2$  such that in addition  $\alpha(B(G_1^*)) = \alpha(B(G_2^*)) = \aleph_0$ .

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