

SEPARABLE BANACH SPACE THEORY NEEDS STRONG SET EXISTENCE AXIOMS

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ABSTRACT. We investigate the strength of set existence axioms needed for separable Banach space theory. We show that a very strong axiom, Π_1^1 comprehension, is needed to prove such basic facts as the existence of the weak-* closure of any norm-closed subspace of $\ell_1 = c_0^*$. This is in contrast to earlier work [5, 7, 6, 25, 22] in which theorems of separable Banach space theory were proved in very weak subsystems of second order arithmetic, subsystems which are conservative over Primitive Recursive Arithmetic for Π_2^0 sentences. En route to our main results, we prove the Krein-Šmulian theorem in ACA_0 , and we give a new, elementary proof of a result of McGehee on weak-* sequential closure ordinals.

1. INTRODUCTION

This paper is part of an ongoing study of the role of set existence axioms in the foundations of mathematics. The ongoing study has been carried out in the context of subsystems of second order arithmetic, under the slogan *Reverse Mathematics* [12, 3, 25]. We continue this program here by examining the role of strong set existence axioms in separable Banach space theory. We show that a very strong set existence axiom is needed in order to prove basic results concerning the weak-* topology on the dual of a separable Banach space.

The results in this paper are related to earlier work of Brown and Simpson [5, 7, 6, 25] and Shioji and Tanaka [22]. The earlier work shows that the basic notions of separable Banach space theory can be developed in very weak subsystems of second order arithmetic, and that many basic results can be proved in such systems. Specifically, the Hahn-Banach theorem and a version of the Schauder fixed point theorem are provable in WKL_0 ; the Banach-Steinhaus theorem is provable in RCA_0 ; and versions of the Open Mapping and Closed Graph theorems are provable in RCA_0^+ . The set existence axioms of these three subsystems of second order arithmetic are very weak, in the sense that the systems themselves are conservative over Primitive Recursive Arithmetic for Π_2^0 sentences (see Chapter IX of [25]). In particular, the mentioned systems are considerably weaker than first order arithmetic.

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Thus the results of Brown and Simpson [5, 7, 6] may have tended to support the opinion that only very weak set existence axioms are needed for separable Banach space theory. Our main results here, Theorems 5.6 and 5.7 below, provide a counterexample to that opinion and a departure from Brown-Simpson-Shioji-Tanaka. Namely, Theorems 5.6 and 5.7 show that a very strong set existence axiom, Π_1^1 comprehension, is needed in order to prove basic facts such as the existence of the weak-* closure of any norm-closed subspace of $\ell_1 = c_0^*$. Thus Π_1^1 comprehension is in a sense indispensable for separable Banach space theory. This is significant because Π_1^1 comprehension is, of course, much stronger than first order arithmetic.

As a byproduct, we show that the Krein-Šmulian theorem for the dual of a separable Banach space (Theorem 2.7 below) is provable in ACA_0 (Theorem 4.14 below). We conjecture that the Krein-Šmulian theorem for the dual of a separable Banach space is actually provable in the weaker system WKL_0 .

Some of our results here may be of interest to readers who are familiar with Banach spaces but do not share our concern with Reverse Mathematics and other foundational issues. Namely, the following Banach space phenomenon may be of independent interest. Let Z be a subspace of the dual of a separable Banach space. Banach and Mazurkiewicz observed that, although the weak-* closure of Z is the same as the weak-* sequential closure of Z , it is not necessarily the case that every point of the weak-* closure of Z is the weak-* limit of a sequence of points of Z . Indeed, the process of taking weak-* limits of sequences may need to be iterated transfinitely many times in order to obtain the weak-* closure. In a self-contained part of this paper, we obtain a sharp result along these lines. Namely, for each countable ordinal α , we obtain an explicit example of a norm-closed, weak-* dense subspace of $\ell_1 = c_0^*$ whose weak-* sequential closure ordinal is exactly $\alpha + 1$. This result is originally due to McGehee [18], but our examples are different and more elementary.

On the other hand, it is perhaps worth noting that our original motivation for the work here had nothing to do with Banach space theory. Rather, our starting point was another aspect of Reverse Mathematics, specifically the search for necessary uses of strong set existence axioms in classical (“hard”) analysis. We began with the thought that, in searching for necessary uses of strong set existence axioms, it would be natural to consider how Cantor was led to the invention or discovery of set theory in the first place. We were struck by the well known historical fact [9, 10] that Cantor introduced ordinal numbers in tandem with his study of trigonometric series and the structure of sets of uniqueness; see also Jourdain’s essay [8]. Indeed, Cantor’s proof that every countable closed set is a set of uniqueness uses transfinite induction on the Cantor-Bendixson rank of such sets. Therefore, from our Reverse Mathematics viewpoint, it is very natural to reexamine these results of Cantor. Although we postpone such reexamination to a future paper, we want to point out that our work here was inspired by a discussion of Kechris and Louveau [14, 13] culminating in a result attributed to Solovay: the Piatuski-Shapiro rank is a Π_1^1 -rank on the set of closed sets of uniqueness. Since the Piatuski-Shapiro rank is the weak-* sequential closure ordinal of a certain weak-* dense subspace of ℓ_1 , our foundational motivation for studying such ordinals is apparent.

We end this introductory section with a brief outline of the rest of the paper. Section 2 reviews the concepts and results of Banach space theory that are important for us here. In

particular we review the weak-* topology and define the notion of the weak-* sequential closure ordinal of an arbitrary set in the dual of a separable Banach space. In Section 3 we exhibit the previously mentioned examples concerning weak-* sequential closure ordinals, using the concept of a smooth tree. These two sections, Sections 2 and 3, are intended to form a self-contained unit which should be accessible to anyone who is familiar with the notion of a Banach space. Our discussion of subsystems of second order arithmetic does not get under way until Section 4. We begin that section by reviewing the definitions and results from Brown-Simpson [5, 7, 6, 25] that we shall need. We then discuss the weak-* topology and related notions in the Brown-Simpson context. We end Section 4 by proving our version of the Krein-Šmulian theorem within ACA_0 . Finally, in Section 5, we state and prove our main theorem, concerning the need for Π_1^1 comprehension. The ideas of Section 3 are used in the proof of the main theorem in Section 5.

2. BANACH SPACE PRELIMINARIES

The purpose of this section is to review some well-known concepts and results from separable Banach space theory. Our focus is the weak-* topology on the dual of a separable Banach space. A reference for most of this material is Chapter V of Dunford and Schwartz [11].

Let X be a Banach space. The *weak topology* on X is the weakest topology such that every bounded linear functional on X is continuous. The *dual space* of X is the space X^* of all bounded linear functionals on X . The *norm* of $x^* \in X^*$ is defined by

$$\|x^*\| = \sup\{|x^*(x)| \mid \|x\| \leq 1\}.$$

The *weak-* topology* on X^* is the weakest topology such that for all $x \in X$ the functional $x^* \mapsto x^*(x)$ is continuous. The weak-* closure of a set $Z \subseteq X^*$ is denoted $\text{cl}^*(Z)$. Note that about any point $x_0^* \in X^*$ there is a weak-* neighborhood basis consisting of all sets of the form

$$\{x^* \in X^* \mid |x^*(x_1) - x_0^*(x_1)| < 1, \dots, |x^*(x_n) - x_0^*(x_n)| < 1\}$$

for some finite set $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X$.

A key theorem concerning the weak-* topology is:

Theorem 2.1 (Banach-Alaoglu). *For any $r > 0$, the closed ball*

$$B_r(X^*) = \{x^* \in X^* \mid \|x^*\| \leq r\}$$

is weak- closed and weak-* compact. Furthermore, if X is separable then $B_r(X^*)$ is weak-* metrizable.*

Proof. See [11], page 424. □

In considering weak-* sequential convergence, an important fact to keep in mind is the following consequence of the Banach-Steinhaus theorem:

Theorem 2.2. *Let $\{x_n^* \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ be a countable set of points in X^* . If $\sup_n |x_n^*(x)| < \infty$ for all $x \in X$, then $\sup_n \|x_n^*\| < \infty$.*

Proof. See [11], page 66. □

Corollary 2.3. *If $x_n^* \rightarrow x^*$ in the weak-* topology in X^* , then $\{x_n^* \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is bounded, i.e., $\{x_n^* \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subseteq B_r(X^*)$ for some $0 < r < \infty$.*

A set $Z \subseteq X^*$ is said to be *weak-* sequentially closed* if it is closed under weak-* limits of sequences, i.e., $x_n^* \rightarrow x^*$ weak-* and $x_n^* \in Z$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ imply $x^* \in Z$.

Corollary 2.4. *A set $Z \subseteq X^*$ is weak-* sequentially closed if and only if $Z \cap B_r(X^*)$ is weak-* sequentially closed for all $r > 0$.*

For an arbitrary set $Z \subseteq X^*$, being weak-* sequentially closed is not in general equivalent to being weak-* closed. In particular, the weak-* topology is not in general metrizable, even when X is separable. This is shown by the following theorem.

Theorem 2.5. *Let X be an infinite-dimensional separable Banach space. Then we can find a countable set $Z \subset X^*$ such that Z is weak-* sequentially closed yet weak-* dense in X^* .*

Proof. We first prove the following lemma.

Lemma 2.6. *Let X be an infinite-dimensional Banach space. Then we can find a sequence of points $\{x_k \mid k \in \mathbb{N}\}$ in X such that $\lim_k \|x_k\| = \infty$ and $\|x_k\| > 1$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$, yet 0 belongs to the weak closure of $\{x_k \mid k \in \mathbb{N}\}$.*

Proof. For any finite set $F \subset X^*$, $\{x \in X \mid y^*(x) = 0 \text{ for all } y^* \in F\}$ is a subspace of X of codimension at most the cardinality of F , and hence in particular it intersects $\{x \in X \mid \|x\| > n\}$ for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$. By the Banach-Alaoglu theorem, $B_n(X^*)$ is weak-* compact, and so $B_n(X^*)^n$ is weak-* compact as well. Thus for each n we can find a finite set $G_n \subset \{x \in X \mid \|x\| > n\}$ such that, for each finite set $F \subset B_n(X^*)$ of cardinality n , $\{x \in X \mid |y^*(x)| < 1 \text{ for all } y^* \in F\}$ intersects G_n . Letting $\{x_k \mid k \in \mathbb{N}\}$ be an enumeration without repetition of $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} G_n$, we obtain the desired sequence. \square

Proof of Theorem 2.5. Since X is separable, it follows by Theorem 2.1 that X^* is weak-* separable, so let $\{x_n^* \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ be a countable weak-* dense subset of X^* . By the preceding lemma, for each n we can find a sequence $\{z_{nk}^* \mid k \in \mathbb{N}\}$ such that $\|z_{nk}^*\| > n$ for all k and $\lim_k \|z_{nk}^*\| = \infty$ and x_n^* belongs to the weak, and hence weak-*, closure of $\{z_{nk}^* \mid k \in \mathbb{N}\}$. Thus $Z = \{z_{nk}^* \mid n, k \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is a countable set which is weak-* dense in X^* . On the other hand, for each n , $Z \cap B_n(X^*)$ is finite, so by Corollary 2.4 Z is weak-* sequentially closed. \square

The previous theorem shows that a set in X^* can be weak-* sequentially closed yet far from weak-* closed, even when X is separable. Nevertheless, it turns out that for *convex* sets in X^* , being weak-* sequentially closed is equivalent to being weak-* closed, provided X is separable. We shall obtain this result as a consequence of the following well-known theorem:

Theorem 2.7 (Krein-Šmulian). *Let X be a Banach space. A convex set in X^* is weak-* closed if and only if its intersection with $B_r(X^*)$ is weak-* closed for every $r > 0$.*

Proof. See [11], page 429. \square

The special case of the Krein-Šmulian theorem for subspaces of X^* is originally due to Banach ([2] page 124):

Corollary 2.8 (Banach). *A subspace of X^* is weak-* closed if and only if its intersection with $B_1(X^*)$ is weak-* closed.*

Proof. For a subspace Z of X^* , we have $Z \cap B_r(X^*) = r(Z \cap B_1(X^*))$. Hence $Z \cap B_r(X^*)$ is weak-* closed for all r if and only if $Z \cap B_1(X^*)$ is weak-* closed. The desired result follows immediately from the Krein-Šmulian theorem. \square

A set Z in X^* is said to be *bounded-weak-* closed* if $Z \cap B_r(X^*)$ is weak-* closed for all $r > 0$. This defines yet another topology on X^* , the *bounded-weak-* topology*. By the Banach-Alaoglu theorem, weak-* closed sets are bounded-weak-* closed, but the converse does not hold in general. We can paraphrase the Krein-Šmulian theorem by saying that a convex set in X^* is weak-* closed if and only if it is bounded-weak-* closed.

Lemma 2.9. *Let X be a separable Banach space. A set $Z \subseteq X^*$ is bounded-weak-* closed if and only if it is weak-* sequentially closed.*

Proof. By definition, Z is bounded-weak-* closed if and only if $Z \cap B_r(X^*)$ is weak-* closed for all r . Since X is separable, we have by Theorem 2.1 that $B_r(X^*)$ is weak-* compact and weak-* metrizable. Hence, for all r , $Z \cap B_r(X^*)$ is weak-* closed if and only if $Z \cap B_r(X^*)$ is weak-* sequentially closed. By Corollary 2.4 it now follows that $Z \cap B_r(X^*)$ is weak-* closed for all r if and only if Z is weak-* sequentially closed. This completes the proof. \square

We now obtain the desired result:

Theorem 2.10. *Let X be a separable Banach space. A convex set $Z \subseteq X^*$ is weak-* closed if and only if it is weak-* sequentially closed.*

Proof. Immediate from Theorem 2.7 plus Lemma 2.9. \square

Again, the special case when Z is a subspace of X^* is due to Banach ([2] page 124):

Corollary 2.11 (Banach). *Let X be a separable Banach space. A subspace Z of X^* is weak-* closed if and only if it is weak-* sequentially closed.*

We now turn to a discussion of weak-* sequential closure ordinals. For an arbitrary set $Z \subseteq X^*$, let Z' denote the set of weak-* limits of sequences from Z . Define a transfinite sequence of sets $Z^{(\alpha)}$, α an ordinal, by

$$\begin{aligned} Z^{(0)} &= Z, \\ Z^{(\alpha+1)} &= (Z^{(\alpha)})', \\ Z^{(\delta)} &= \bigcup_{\alpha < \delta} Z^{(\alpha)} \quad \text{for } \delta \text{ a limit ordinal.} \end{aligned}$$

Clearly $\alpha < \beta$ implies $Z^{(\alpha)} \subseteq Z^{(\beta)}$. Define $\text{ord}(Z)$ to be the least ordinal α such that $Z^{(\alpha+1)} = Z^{(\alpha)}$. Thus $Z^{(\text{ord}(Z))}$ is the weak-* sequential closure of Z . We call $\text{ord}(Z)$ the

closure ordinal of Z . Note that if Z is convex, then $Z^{(\alpha)}$ is convex for all α ; also, by the previous theorem $Z^{(\text{ord}(Z))} = \text{cl}^*(Z)$, the weak-* closure of Z .

In the remainder of this section and the next section, we shall prove some results which completely answer the question of which ordinals can arise as closure ordinals of subspaces of X^* where X is a separable Banach space. This question was first answered completely by McGehee [18] and Sarason [19, 20, 21].

Lemma 2.12. *If X is a separable Banach space, then for any set $Z \subseteq X^*$ the closure ordinal $\text{ord}(Z)$ is countable.*

Proof. For $r > 0$ and α an ordinal, let C_r^α be the weak-* closure of $Z^{(\alpha)} \cap B_r(X^*)$. For fixed $r > 0$, the sets C_r^α form an increasing, transfinite sequence of compact subsets of a compact metric space, namely $B_r(X^*)$ with the weak-* topology (Theorem 2.1). This transfinite sequence must therefore stabilize at some countable ordinal. Since $C_r^\alpha \subseteq Z^{(\alpha+1)} \cap B_r(X^*) \subseteq C_r^{\alpha+1}$ for all α , it follows that the transfinite sequence $Z^{(\alpha)} \cap B_r(X^*)$ also stabilizes at a countable ordinal, call it α_r . Put $\alpha = \sup\{\alpha_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$. Then α is a countable ordinal. We claim that $Z^{(\alpha)}$ is weak-* sequentially closed. To see this, suppose that x^* is the weak-* limit of a sequence $\langle x_k^* \mid k \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$ from $Z^{(\alpha)}$. By Corollary 2.3, there exists $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $x_k^* \in B_n(X^*)$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Hence $x^* \in Z^{(\alpha+1)} \cap B_n(X^*) = Z^{(\alpha)} \cap B_n(X^*)$, so in particular $x^* \in Z^{(\alpha)}$ and our claim is proved. Thus $\text{ord}(Z) \leq \alpha < \omega_1$, i.e., $\text{ord}(Z)$ is countable. \square

Specializing to subspaces of X^* , we can say more:

Theorem 2.13. *Let X be a separable Banach space and let Z be a subspace of X^* . Then the closure ordinal $\text{ord}(Z)$ is a countable successor ordinal, unless Z is already weak-* closed, in which case $\text{ord}(Z) = 0$.*

Proof. By the previous lemma, $\text{ord}(Z)$ is countable. Suppose that $\text{cl}^*(Z) = Z^{(\delta)} = \bigcup_{\alpha < \delta} Z^{(\alpha)}$, for some countable limit ordinal δ . As $\text{cl}^*(Z)$ is norm closed, this implies that $\text{cl}^*(Z) = \bigcup_{\alpha < \delta} \text{cl}(Z^{(\alpha)})$, where $\text{cl}(Y)$ denotes the norm closure of $Y \subseteq X^*$. Thus $\text{cl}^*(Z)$ is a closed subset of a complete metric space, written as a countable union of closed sets. By the Baire category theorem, there must be an ordinal $\alpha < \delta$ such that $\text{cl}(Z^{(\alpha)})$ has non-void interior as a subset of $\text{cl}^*(Z)$, i.e., $\text{cl}(Z^{(\alpha)})$ contains the intersection of an open (in norm) ball with $\text{cl}^*(Z)$. But $\text{cl}(Z^{(\alpha)})$ is a subspace of $\text{cl}^*(Z)$, so it must be all of $\text{cl}^*(Z)$. Since $\text{cl}(Z^{(\alpha)}) \subseteq Z^{(\alpha+1)}$, it follows that $Z^{(\alpha+1)} = \text{cl}^*(Z)$, whence $\text{ord}(Z) \neq \delta$. We have now shown that $\text{ord}(Z)$ is not a limit ordinal. Thus $\text{ord}(Z)$ must be either 0 or a successor ordinal. If $\text{ord}(Z) = 0$ then Z is weak-* sequentially closed, and hence is weak-* closed by Corollary 2.11. This completes the proof. See also Kechris and Louveau [14], page 157. \square

It is known that the converse of the previous theorem also holds: For every countable successor ordinal $\alpha + 1$, we can find a subspace Z of the dual X^* of a separable Banach space X such that $\text{ord}(Z) = \alpha + 1$. In the next section we present a proof of this result, with $Z \subseteq \ell_1 = c_0^*$ and Z weak-* dense in ℓ_1 .

The study of closure ordinals of subspaces of X^* has an interesting history. Von Neumann ([26] page 380) exhibits a set $S \subset \ell_2$ such that 0 is in the weak closure of S yet no sequence

from S converges weakly to 0. The first example of a subspace Z of X^* such that $\text{ord}(Z) \geq 2$ is due to Mazurkiewicz [17]. Banach ([2] pages 209–213) proves that for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$ there is a subspace Z of $\ell_1 = c_0^*$ such that $\text{ord}(Z) \geq n$ and states the analogous result for all countable ordinals. For the proof Banach refers to a “forthcoming” paper which seems never to have appeared, and this reference is omitted from the English translation [1]. Later, McGehee [18] proves the stronger result that for each countable ordinal α there exists a weak-* dense subspace of $\ell_1 = c_0^*$ whose closure ordinal is exactly $\alpha + 1$ (but note that McGehee’s notation differs from ours). In the next section we reprove this result of McGehee. Sarason [19, 20, 21] proves a similar result for the spaces H^∞ and ℓ_∞ . In view of the theorem above, these results of McGehee and Sarason are in a sense best possible. While McGehee’s proof uses sets of synthesis and uniqueness, our proof in the next section is much more elementary.

3. TREES AND SUBSPACES OF ℓ_1

In this section we prove the following result: For each countable ordinal α , there exists a weak-* dense subspace Z of $\ell_1 = c_0^*$ such that $\text{ord}(Z) = \alpha + 1$. Our proof uses some simple concepts and results concerning trees. We give a self-contained treatment of these auxiliary results.

Definition 3.1. Let Seq denote the set of finite sequences of natural numbers, *i.e.*,

$$\text{Seq} = \bigcup_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{N}^k = \{ \langle n_0, \dots, n_{k-1} \rangle \mid k \in \mathbb{N}, n_i \in \mathbb{N} \text{ for all } i < k \} .$$

For $s = \langle n_0, \dots, n_{k-1} \rangle \in \text{Seq}$, we write

$$s = \langle s(0), s(1), \dots, s(\text{lh}(s) - 1) \rangle ,$$

where $\text{lh}(s) = k$ denotes the length of s , and $s(i) = n_i$ for all $i < \text{lh}(s)$. In particular $\langle \rangle$ is the empty sequence, the unique sequence of length 0. For $s, t \in \text{Seq}$ we denote by $s \hat{\ } t$ the *concatenation* of s and t , *i.e.*, the sequence of length $\text{lh}(s) + \text{lh}(t)$ given by

$$s \hat{\ } t = \langle s(0), \dots, s(\text{lh}(s) - 1), t(0), \dots, t(\text{lh}(t) - 1) \rangle .$$

For $s, t \in \text{Seq}$, we write $s \subseteq t$ to mean that s is an *initial segment* of t , *i.e.*, $\text{lh}(s) \leq \text{lh}(t)$ and, for all $i < \text{lh}(s)$, $s(i) = t(i)$. Given $s \in \text{Seq}$, if $s \neq \langle \rangle$ let

$$s' = \langle s(0), s(1), \dots, s(\text{lh}(s) - 2) \rangle ,$$

i.e., s' is the initial segment of s of length $\text{lh}(s) - 1$. For $s = \langle \rangle$ we put $s' = \langle \rangle' = \langle \rangle$.

Definition 3.2. We define a *tree* to be a nonempty set $T \subseteq \text{Seq}$ which is closed under taking initial segments, *i.e.*, for all $s, t \in \text{Seq}$, if $t \in T$ and $s \subseteq t$ then $s \in T$. If T is a tree and $s \in T$, we say that s is a *node* of T . If s is a node of T such that $s \hat{\ } \langle n \rangle \notin T$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then s is called an *end node*; otherwise s is called an *interior node* of T . Given a tree T , a function $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ is called a *path* through T if for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ we have $f[n] \in T$, where $f[n] = \langle f(0), f(1), \dots, f(n-1) \rangle$. A tree T is said to be *well-founded* if it has no path.

Definition 3.3. If T is a tree, let

$$T' = \{t' \mid t \in T\} = \{\text{interior nodes of } T\} \cup \{\langle \rangle\}.$$

Note that T' is a subtree of T . We define a transfinite sequence of subtrees $T^{(\alpha)}$ of T by

$$\begin{aligned} T^{(0)} &= T, \\ T^{(\alpha+1)} &= (T^{(\alpha)})', \\ T^{(\delta)} &= \bigcap_{\alpha < \delta} T^{(\alpha)} \quad \text{for } \delta \text{ a limit ordinal.} \end{aligned}$$

Note that T is well-founded if and only if $T^{(\alpha)} = \{\langle \rangle\}$ for some countable ordinal α . The least such α is called the *height* of T , denoted $h(T)$. Given a well-founded tree T , we define a function $h_T : \text{Seq} \rightarrow \text{Ord} \cup \{-1\}$ (where Ord denotes the set of countable ordinals) by $h_T(s) = -1$ for $s \notin T$ and, for $s \in T$, $h_T(s) =$ the least α such that s is an end node of $T^{(\alpha)}$. In particular $h_T(\langle \rangle) = h(T)$. Note that, for all $s \in T$, $h_T(s) = \sup\{h_T(s \frown \langle n \rangle) + 1 \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$.

From the definition above, the height of a well-founded tree is a countable ordinal. The following standard theorem shows that the converse holds as well.

Theorem 3.4. *For any countable ordinal α , we can construct a well-founded tree T such that $h(T) = \alpha$.*

Proof. We prove this by transfinite induction on α . For $\alpha = 0$ we have $h(\{\langle \rangle\}) = 0$. For successor ordinals, note that if $h(T) = \alpha$, then $h(T^+) = \alpha + 1$ where $T^+ = \{\langle \rangle\} \cup \{\langle 0 \rangle \frown s \mid s \in T\}$. Suppose now that δ is a limit ordinal, say $\delta = \sup\{\alpha_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$, where $\alpha_n < \delta$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. For each n let T_n be a tree of height α_n , and put $T = \{\langle \rangle\} \cup \{\langle n \rangle \frown s \mid n \in \mathbb{N}, s \in T_n\}$. Then T is well-founded and, for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $h_T(\langle n \rangle) = \alpha_n$. Thus $h(T) = \sup\{\alpha_n + 1 \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\} = \delta$. \square

Definition 3.5. Fix an injection $\# : \text{Seq} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ with the following properties:

1. $\#(\langle \rangle) = 1$;
2. $s \subseteq t$ implies $\#(s) \leq \#(t)$;
3. $m < n$ implies $\#(s \frown \langle m \rangle) < \#(s \frown \langle n \rangle)$.

Given $s \in \text{Seq}$ we refer to $\#(s)$ as the *Gödel number* of s . To simplify notation in what follows, we shall often identify sequences with their Gödel numbers, *i.e.*, we write s instead of $\#(s)$.

Let $X = c_0(\text{Seq})$, the space of sequences of real numbers converging to 0 indexed by Seq . Then we may identify X^* with $\ell_1(\text{Seq})$, the space of absolutely summable sequences of real numbers indexed by Seq . In the rest of this section we shall mainly be interested in the weak-* topology on $\ell_1(\text{Seq}) = c_0^*(\text{Seq})$.

Definition 3.6. For each $s \in \text{Seq}$ we define a distinguished point $y_s \in \ell_1(\text{Seq})$ by

$$y_s(t) = \begin{cases} \#(t) & \text{if } t \subseteq s, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Using the convention that sequences are to be identified with their Gödel numbers, we can write $y_s(t) = t'$ if $t \subseteq s$, 0 otherwise. Note that, for all $s \in \text{Seq}$, the sequence $\langle y_{s \frown \langle n \rangle} : n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$, converges weak-* to y_s in $\ell_1(\text{Seq})$.

Definition 3.7. Given $s \in \text{Seq}$ we set

$$Z_s = \left\{ z \in \ell_1(\text{Seq}) \mid \frac{1}{s'} z(s) = \frac{1}{s} \sum_{m \in \mathbb{N}} z(s \frown \langle m \rangle) \right\}.$$

If $S \subseteq \text{Seq}$, let $Z_S = \bigcap_{s \in S} Z_s$. Note that Z_S is a norm closed subspace of $\ell_1(\text{Seq})$. Note also that $y_s \in Z_S$ if and only if $s \notin S$.

The next two lemmas imply that, for any well-founded tree T , Z_T is weak-* dense in $\ell_1(\text{Seq})$.

Lemma 3.8. *If T is a well-founded tree, then $y_s \in Z_T^{(h_T(s)+1)}$ for all $s \in \text{Seq}$.*

Proof. We proceed by induction on $h_T(s)$. If $h_T(s) = -1$ then $s \notin T$ and $y_s \in Z_T = Z_T^{(0)}$. Suppose now that $h_T(s) = \alpha \geq 0$, and that the theorem holds for all t such that $h_T(t) < \alpha$. Then for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $h_T(s \frown \langle n \rangle) < \alpha$, so $y_{s \frown \langle n \rangle} \in Z_T^{(\alpha)}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Since y_s is the weak-* limit of the sequence $\langle y_{s \frown \langle n \rangle} : n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$, it follows that $y_s \in Z_T^{(\alpha+1)}$, as desired. \square

Lemma 3.9. *If T is a well-founded tree, then Z_T is weak-* dense in $\ell_1(\text{Seq})$; in fact, $Z_T^{(h(T)+1)} = \ell_1(\text{Seq})$.*

Proof. Let $z \in \ell_1(\text{Seq})$ be given. We can write $z = \sum_{s \in \text{Seq}} z(s) \chi_s$, where $\chi_s \in \ell_1(\text{Seq})$ is the characteristic function of $\{s\}$, i.e., $\chi_s(t) = 1$ if $t = s$, 0 otherwise. Note that if $s \neq \langle \rangle$ then $y_s - y_{s'} = s' \chi_s$, whereas $y_{\langle \rangle} = \chi_{\langle \rangle}$. Also, by the previous lemma, if $s \neq \langle \rangle$ then $y_s \in Z_T^{(h(T))}$, so, if $\text{lh}(s) > 1$ then $\chi_s \in Z_T^{(h(T))}$. Since z is an absolutely summable series, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{s \in \text{Seq}} z(s) \chi_s &= z(\langle \rangle) y_{\langle \rangle} + \sum_{m \in \mathbb{N}} z(\langle m \rangle) \chi_{\langle m \rangle} + \sum_{\substack{s \in \text{Seq} \\ \text{lh}(s) > 1}} z(s) \chi_s \\ &= z(\langle \rangle) y_{\langle \rangle} + \sum_{m \in \mathbb{N}} z(\langle m \rangle) (y_{\langle m \rangle} - y_{\langle \rangle}) + \sum_{\text{lh}(s) > 1} z(s) \chi_s \\ &= \left(z(\langle \rangle) - \sum_{m \in \mathbb{N}} z(\langle m \rangle) \right) y_{\langle \rangle} + \sum_{m \in \mathbb{N}} z(\langle m \rangle) y_{\langle m \rangle} + \sum_{\text{lh}(s) > 1} z(s) \chi_s. \end{aligned}$$

Now, $z(\langle \rangle) - \sum_{m \in \mathbb{N}} z(\langle m \rangle)$ is just a real number since z is absolutely summable, and $y_{\langle \rangle}$ is the weak-* limit of the sequence $\langle y_{\langle m \rangle} : m \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$, so the first term in this last sum is in $Z_T^{(h(T)+1)}$. Likewise $\sum_{m \in \mathbb{N}} z(\langle m \rangle) y_{\langle m \rangle} + \sum_{\text{lh}(s) > 1} z(s) \chi_s$, viewed as a series in $\ell_1(\text{Seq})$, converges in norm, and hence converges weak-*; since the functionals $y_{\langle m \rangle}$ and χ_s are in $Z_T^{(h(T))}$ for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$ and all $s \in \text{Seq}$ with $\text{lh}(s) > 1$, it, too, is the weak-* limit of a sequence from $Z_T^{(h(T))}$. Hence

z is the sum of two weak-* limits of sequences from $Z_T^{(h(T))}$, whence z is in $Z_T^{(h(T)+1)}$ as desired. \square

Corollary 3.10. *If T is a well-founded tree, then $\text{ord}(Z_T) \leq h(T) + 1$.*

Thus we have an upper bound on the closure ordinal of Z_T in terms of the height of T . To get a lower bound, we use the following technical lemma, which gives us a handle on the growth of the spaces $Z_T^{(\alpha)}$.

Lemma 3.11. *Suppose that $z_k \rightarrow z$ weak-* in $\ell_1(\text{Seq}) = c_0^*(\text{Seq})$. Let $s \in \text{Seq}$ be given and suppose that $z_k \in Z_s$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$. A sufficient condition for $z \in Z_s$ is the existence of $M \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $z_k \in Z_{s^{\wedge}\langle m \rangle}$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and all $m \geq M$.*

Proof. Assume that the stated condition holds. Suppose for a contradiction that $z \notin Z_s$, say

$$\left| \frac{1}{s'} z(s) - \frac{1}{s} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} z(s^{\wedge}\langle m \rangle) \right| > \varepsilon > 0.$$

Then for all sufficiently large M we have

$$\left| \frac{1}{s'} z(s) - \frac{1}{s} \sum_{m < M} z(s^{\wedge}\langle m \rangle) \right| > \varepsilon.$$

Fix such an M , with $z_k \in Z_{s^{\wedge}\langle m \rangle}$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and all $m \geq M$ as well. Then for all sufficiently large k we have

$$\left| \frac{1}{s'} z_k(s) - \frac{1}{s} \sum_{m < M} z_k(s^{\wedge}\langle m \rangle) \right| > \varepsilon,$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon &< \left| \frac{1}{s} \sum_{m \geq M} z_k(s^{\wedge}\langle m \rangle) \right| && \text{(since } z_k \in Z_s) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{s} \sum_{m \geq M} |z_k(s^{\wedge}\langle m \rangle)| \\ &= \frac{1}{s} \sum_{m \geq M} \left| \frac{s}{s^{\wedge}\langle m \rangle} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z_k(s^{\wedge}\langle m, n \rangle) \right| && \text{(since } z_k \in Z_{s^{\wedge}\langle m \rangle} \text{ for all } m \geq M) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{s^{\wedge}\langle M \rangle} \sum_{m \geq M} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |z_k(s^{\wedge}\langle m, n \rangle)| \\ &\leq \frac{\|z_k\|}{s^{\wedge}\langle M \rangle}, \end{aligned}$$

and hence $\|z_k\| > (s^{\wedge}\langle M \rangle)\varepsilon$. Thus $\{\|z_k\| \mid k \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is unbounded, contradicting Corollary 2.3. \square

In particular, we have the following result.

Corollary 3.12. *Let $S \subseteq \text{Seq}$ be such that, for each $s \in S$, $s^\frown \langle m \rangle \in S$ for all but finitely many $m \in \mathbb{N}$. Then Z_S is weak-* closed.*

Proof. By Lemma 3.11 Z_S is weak-* sequentially closed. Hence by Corollary 2.11 Z_S is weak-* closed. \square

In order to make use of this lemma, we consider a special class of trees known as smooth trees:

Definition 3.13. For $s, t \in \text{Seq}$ we say s is *majorized* by t , written $s \ll t$, if $\text{lh}(s) = \text{lh}(t)$ and $s(i) \leq t(i)$ for all $i < \text{lh}(s)$. For any tree T , we define T^* to be the upward closure of T under majorization, *i.e.*,

$$T^* = \{t \in \text{Seq} \mid \exists s \in T (s \ll t)\}.$$

A tree T is said to be *smooth* if it is upward closed under majorization, *i.e.*, $T^* = T$.

Lemma 3.14 (Marcone [15, 16]). *Let T be a tree. Then T is well-founded if and only if T^* is well-founded, in which case $h(T) = h(T^*)$.*

Proof. Note first that $T \subseteq T^*$, so if T^* is well-founded then so is T . Conversely, suppose T^* has a path f ; let $T_f = \{s \in T \mid s \ll f[\text{lh}(s)]\}$. Then T_f is a finitely-branching subtree of T , and, since f is a path through T^* , T_f must be infinite. Hence by König's Lemma T_f has a path, whence T has a path.

Assuming T and T^* are well-founded, we obviously have $h(T) \leq h(T^*)$. For the opposite inequality, we claim that for all s , $h_{T^*}(s) = \max\{h_T(t) \mid t \ll s\}$. (Note that $\{t \mid t \ll s\}$ is a finite set, so we may take max rather than sup.) We prove the claim by induction on $h_{T^*}(s)$. If $h_{T^*}(s) = -1$ then $s \notin T^*$, so for any t with $t \ll s$ we have $t \notin T$, whence $h_T(t) = -1$ for all such t . Otherwise $s \in T^*$ and we have

$$\begin{aligned} h_{T^*}(s) &= \sup\{h_{T^*}(s^\frown \langle n \rangle) + 1 \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\} \\ &= \sup\{\max\{h_T(t^\frown \langle m \rangle) + 1 \mid t \ll s, m \leq n\} \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\} \\ &= \sup\{h_T(t^\frown \langle n \rangle) + 1 \mid t \ll s, n \in \mathbb{N}\} \\ &= \max\{\sup\{h_T(t^\frown \langle n \rangle) + 1 \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\} \mid t \ll s\} \\ &= \max\{h_T(t) \mid t \ll s\}. \end{aligned}$$

This proves our claim. In particular $h(T^*) = h_{T^*}(\langle \rangle) = h_T(\langle \rangle) = h(T)$ and the proof of the lemma is complete. \square

Corollary 3.15. *For any countable ordinal α , there exists a smooth well-founded tree T such that $h(T) = \alpha$.*

Proof. This follows immediately from Theorem 3.4 and the previous lemma. \square

Lemma 3.16. *If T is a smooth tree, then $T^{(\alpha)}$ is smooth for all α .*

Proof. We proceed by induction on α . For $\alpha = 0$ there's nothing to prove. Assume $T^{(\alpha)}$ is smooth, and let $s \in T^{(\alpha+1)}$ be given. Suppose $s \leq t$; since $s \in T^{(\alpha+1)} \subseteq T^{(\alpha)}$ which is smooth, t must be in $T^{(\alpha)}$; furthermore, since s is an interior node of $T^{(\alpha)}$, there is an $m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $s \wedge \langle m \rangle \in T^{(\alpha)}$. But $s \wedge \langle m \rangle \leq t \wedge \langle m \rangle$, so $t \wedge \langle m \rangle \in T^{(\alpha)}$, whence $t \in T^{(\alpha+1)}$. Finally, smoothness is clearly preserved under intersections, so the induction goes through at limit stages. \square

Lemma 3.17. *Let T be a smooth well-founded tree. Then for all $\alpha \leq h(T)$, $Z_T^{(\alpha)} \subseteq Z_{T^{(\alpha)}}$.*

Proof. We proceed by induction on α . If $\alpha = 0$ there's nothing to prove. Assume $Z_T^{(\alpha)} \subseteq Z_{T^{(\alpha)}}$ and $\alpha < h(T)$ and let $z \in Z_T^{(\alpha+1)}$ be given. Then z is the weak-* limit of some sequence $\langle z_k \mid k \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$ from $Z_T^{(\alpha)} \subseteq Z_{T^{(\alpha)}}$. Since $\alpha < h(T)$, we have that any $s \in T^{(\alpha+1)}$ is an interior node of $T^{(\alpha)}$, i.e., $s \in T^{(\alpha)}$ and $s \wedge \langle M \rangle \in T^{(\alpha)}$ for some M . Since T is smooth, so is $T^{(\alpha)}$, and hence $s \wedge \langle m \rangle \in T^{(\alpha)}$ for all $m \geq M$. Hence, for each $k \in \mathbb{N}$ we have $z_k \in Z_s$ and $z_k \in Z_{s \wedge \langle m \rangle}$ for all $m \geq M$. By Lemma 3.11 it follows that $z \in Z_s$. Since s is an arbitrary node in $T^{(\alpha+1)}$, we have $z \in Z_{T^{(\alpha+1)}}$. This shows that $Z_T^{(\alpha+1)} \subseteq Z_{T^{(\alpha+1)}}$. Finally, if δ is a limit ordinal $\leq h(T)$ and $Z_T^{(\alpha)} \subseteq Z_{T^{(\alpha)}}$ for all $\alpha < \delta$, it follows easily that $Z_{T^{(\alpha)}} \subseteq Z_{T^{(\delta)}}$ for all $\alpha < \delta$, whence $Z_T^{(\delta)} \subseteq Z_{T^{(\delta)}}$. This completes the proof. \square

Corollary 3.18. *If T is a smooth well-founded tree, then $\text{ord}(Z_T) = h(T) + 1$.*

Proof. By Lemma 3.9 we have $Z_T^{(\text{ord}(Z_T))} = \ell_1(\text{Seq})$ and $\text{ord}(Z_T) \leq h(T) + 1$. On the other hand, $T^{(h(T))} = \{\langle \rangle\}$ so $y_{\langle \rangle} \notin Z_{T^{(h(T))}}$; hence, by the previous lemma, $y_{\langle \rangle} \notin Z_T^{(h(T))}$ so in particular $Z_T^{(h(T))} \neq \ell_1(\text{Seq})$, and hence $h(T) < \text{ord}(Z_T)$. This completes the proof. \square

We now obtain the main result of this section, originally due to McGehee [18]:

Theorem 3.19. *For any countable ordinal α , there exists a weak-* dense subspace Z of $\ell_1 = c_0^*$ such that $\text{ord}(Z) = \alpha + 1$.*

Proof. Since Seq is a countably infinite set, we may identify $\ell_1 = c_0^*$ with $\ell_1(\text{Seq}) = c_0^*(\text{Seq})$. By Corollary 3.15 let T be a smooth well-founded tree of height α . By Lemma 3.9 Z_T is weak-* dense in ℓ_1 and by Corollary 3.18 we have $\text{ord}(Z_T) = h(T) + 1 = \alpha + 1$. \square

Corollary 3.20. *The ordinals which can occur as closure ordinals of subspaces of the dual of a separable Banach space are precisely the countable non-limit ordinals.*

Proof. This is immediate from Theorems 2.13 and 3.19. The result is originally due to Sarason [19, 20, 21] and McGehee [18]. \square

This settles the question of closure ordinals of subspaces of $\ell_1 = c_0^*$, but what about ℓ_2 ? It turns out that the answer is much simpler (see Corollary 3.23 below).

Theorem 3.21. *Let X be a Banach space, and let $C \subseteq X$ be convex. Then for any $x \in X$, the following conditions are equivalent:*

1. x is in the weak closure of C .

2. x is in the norm closure of C .
3. x is the norm limit of a sequence of points in C .
4. x is the weak limit of a sequence of points in C .

Proof. The equivalence of (1) and (2) follows from the well-known fact (Theorem V.3.13 in [11]) that a convex set is weakly closed if and only if it is norm closed. The implications (2) \Rightarrow (3) \Rightarrow (4) \Rightarrow (1) are all trivial. \square

Corollary 3.22. *If X is a reflexive Banach space and $C \subseteq X^*$ is convex, then the weak-* sequential closure ordinal of C is 0 if C is weak-* closed, and is 1 otherwise.*

Proof. If X is reflexive then so is X^* (see Corollary II.3.24 in [11]), and hence the weak and weak-* topologies on X^* coincide. The result now follows immediately from Theorem 3.21. \square

We would like to thank Howard Becker for pointing this out to us.

Corollary 3.23. *If $C \subseteq \ell_2$ is convex, then the weak-* (i.e., weak) sequential closure ordinal of C is 0 if C is weak-* (i.e., weakly) closed, 1 otherwise.*

We do not know whether the closure ordinal of a convex set in the dual of a separable Banach space can be a limit ordinal.

4. THE WEAK-* TOPOLOGY IN SUBSYSTEMS OF Z_2

The language of second order arithmetic consists of number variables m, n, \dots , set variables X, Y, \dots , primitives $+, \cdot, 0, 1, =, \in$, and logical operations including number quantifiers and set quantifiers. By *second order arithmetic* (sometimes called Z_2) we mean the theory consisting of classical logic plus certain *basic arithmetical axioms* plus the *induction scheme*

$$(\varphi(0) \wedge \forall n(\varphi(n) \rightarrow \varphi(n+1))) \rightarrow \forall n\varphi(n)$$

plus the *comprehension scheme*

$$\exists W \forall n (n \in W \leftrightarrow \varphi(n))$$

where $\varphi(n)$ is an arbitrary formula of the language of second order arithmetic. In the comprehension scheme it is assumed that the set variable W does not occur freely in $\varphi(n)$. All of the subsystems of second order arithmetic that we shall consider employ classical logic and include the basic arithmetical axioms and the *restricted induction axiom*

$$(0 \in W \wedge \forall n (n \in W \rightarrow n+1 \in W)) \rightarrow \forall n (n \in W).$$

Two of the most important subsystems of second order arithmetic are ACA_0 and $\Pi_1^1\text{-CA}_0$. A formula of the language of second order arithmetic is said to be *arithmetical* if it contains no set quantifiers. The axioms of ACA_0 consist of the basic arithmetical axioms, the restricted induction axiom, and *arithmetical comprehension*, i.e., the comprehension scheme for formulas $\varphi(n)$ which are arithmetical. A Π_1^1 formula is one of the form $\forall W \theta$ where θ is arithmetical. The axioms of $\Pi_1^1\text{-CA}_0$ consist of the axioms of ACA_0 plus Π_1^1 *comprehension*.

Obviously $\Pi_1^1\text{-CA}_0$ is much stronger than ACA_0 . Three other very important subsystems of second order arithmetic are RCA_0 and WKL_0 , both of which are weaker than ACA_0 , and ATR_0 , which is intermediate between ACA_0 and $\Pi_1^1\text{-CA}_0$. For background material on subsystems of second order arithmetic, we refer the reader to [12, 5, 6, 25].

The purpose of this section is to show how some fundamental results concerning separable Banach spaces and the weak-* topology can be developed formally within ACA_0 and weaker systems. In particular, we show that a version of the Krein-Šmulian theorem is provable in ACA_0 . Our approach for the development of separable Banach space theory within subsystems of second order arithmetic follows that of Brown and Simpson [5, 7, 4, 6, 25]; see also the paper of Shioji and Tanaka [22].

Definition 4.1 (RCA_0). A (code for a) *complete separable metric space* \widehat{A} is defined to be a set $A \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ together with a function $d : A \times A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that, for all $a, b, c \in A$,

1. $d(a, a) = 0$,
2. $d(a, b) = d(b, a)$, and
3. $d(a, c) \leq d(a, b) + d(b, c)$.

A (code for a) *point of* \widehat{A} is defined to be a sequence $\langle a_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$ of elements of A such that $\forall m \forall n (m < n \rightarrow d(a_m, a_n) \leq 1/2^m)$. Although \widehat{A} does not formally exist as a set within RCA_0 , we use notations such as $x \in \widehat{A}$ to mean that x is a point of \widehat{A} , *etc.* We then straightforwardly extend our definitions of $=$ and d to \widehat{A} in such a way that $\langle \widehat{A}, d \rangle$ is a complete metric space, with A dense in \widehat{A} .

Definition 4.2 (RCA_0). Let \widehat{A} be a complete separable metric space as defined above. A (code for an) *open set* in \widehat{A} is defined to be a sequence of ordered pairs $U = \langle (a_i, q_i) \mid i \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$, $a_i \in A$, $q_i \in \mathbb{Q}$. We write $x \in U$ to mean that $x \in \widehat{A}$ and $d(x, a_i) < q_i$ for some $i \in \mathbb{N}$. A *closed set* in \widehat{A} is defined to be the complement of an open set.

Building on the definitions above within RCA_0 , one can define corresponding notions of continuous function from one complete separable metric space into another, *etc.* On this basis, one can prove within ACA_0 or WKL_0 or RCA_0 many fundamental results about the topology of complete separable metric spaces. For details, see [25]. In particular, one can prove within WKL_0 (see Chapter IV of [25]) the Heine-Borel covering lemma (“if C is compact then any covering of C by a sequence of open sets has a finite subcovering”), using the following RCA_0 notion of compactness:

Definition 4.3 (RCA_0). Let C be a closed set in a complete separable metric space \widehat{A} . We say that C is *compact* if there exists a countable sequence of finite sequences of points $\langle \langle x_{ni} \mid i \leq k_n \rangle \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$ in \widehat{A} such that for all $x \in C$ and all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ there exists $i \leq k_n$ such that $d(x, x_{ni}) < 1/2^n$.

In the same setting, there is a useful version of the Tychonoff product theorem, and one can prove within RCA_0 the compactness of the product space $\prod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} [a_n, b_n]$, where $\langle [a_n, b_n] \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$ is any sequence of closed bounded intervals. For details, see Chapter IV of [25].

We now turn to our development of separable Banach space theory within RCA_0 and ACA_0 .

Definition 4.4 (RCA_0). A (code for a) *separable Banach space* consists of a countable set $A \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ together with operations $+$: $A \times A \rightarrow A$, $-$: $A \times A \rightarrow A$, and \cdot : $\mathbb{Q} \times A \rightarrow A$ and a distinguished element $0 \in A$ such that $\langle A, +, -, \cdot, 0 \rangle$ forms a countable vector space over the rational field \mathbb{Q} , together with a function $\|\cdot\| : A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfying

1. $\|qa\| = |q|\|a\|$ for all $a \in A$ and $q \in \mathbb{Q}$, and
2. $\|a + b\| \leq \|a\| + \|b\|$ for all $a, b \in A$.

In other words, a code for a separable Banach space \widehat{A} is a countable pseudo-normed vector space A over \mathbb{Q} . Note that \widehat{A} is a complete separable metric space under $d(a, b) = \|a - b\|$. Thus a point of the separable Banach space \widehat{A} is by definition a sequence $\langle a_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$ such that $\forall m \forall n (m < n \rightarrow \|a_m - a_n\| < 1/2^m)$.

Definition 4.5 (RCA_0). Let $X = \widehat{A}$ and $Y = \widehat{B}$ be separable Banach spaces. A (code for a) *bounded linear operator* $F : X \rightarrow Y$ is a linear mapping $F : A \rightarrow \widehat{B}$ such that, for some $0 \leq r < \infty$, $\|F\| \leq r$, i.e., $\|F(a)\| \leq r\|a\|$ for all $a \in A$. If $x = \langle a_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$ is a point of $X = \widehat{A}$, we write $F(x) = \lim_n F(a_n)$.

It can be proved in RCA_0 [5, 7, 25] that bounded linear operators $F : X \rightarrow Y$ are identifiable with continuous linear mappings from X into Y . Also within RCA_0 one can prove a useful version of the Banach-Steinhaus theorem:

Theorem 4.6. *The following is provable in RCA_0 . Given separable Banach spaces X and Y and a sequence of bounded linear operators $F_n : X \rightarrow Y$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, if $\{\|F_n(x)\| \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is bounded for all $x \in X$, then there exists $r < \infty$ such that $\|F_n\| \leq r$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.*

Proof. See [7, 6, 25]. □

Definition 4.7 (RCA_0). Let X be a separable Banach space. A *bounded linear functional* on X is a bounded linear operator $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. We write $f \in X^*$ to mean that f is a bounded linear functional on X . For $0 \leq r < \infty$, we write $f \in B_r(X^*)$ to mean that $f \in X^*$ and $\|f\| \leq r$.

Note that X^* and $B_r(X^*)$ do not formally exist as sets within RCA_0 . We identify the functionals in $B_r(X^*)$ in the obvious way with the points of a certain closed set in the compact metric space $\prod_{a \in A} [-r\|a\|, r\|a\|]$, where $X = \widehat{A}$. Thus the compactness of $B_r(X^*)$ is provable in RCA_0 . This version of the Banach-Alaoglu theorem turns out to be very useful for the development of separable Banach space theory within WKL_0 . See [5, 22] and Chapter IV of [25] and Brown's discussion of the "Alaoglu ball" [7]. In particular we have:

Theorem 4.8. *The following version of the Hahn-Banach theorem is provable in WKL_0 . Let X be a separable Banach space and let Y be a subspace of X . If $g : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a bounded linear functional with $\|g\| \leq r$, then there exists a bounded linear functional $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $\|f\| \leq r$ and f extends g , i.e., $f(x) = g(x)$ for all $x \in Y$.*

Proof. The literature contains two proofs of this result. A direct proof is in [5]. An indirect proof via a WKL_0 version of the Markov-Kakutani fixed point theorem is in [22] and Chapter IV of [25]. \square

Theorem 4.9. *The following extension of the Hahn-Banach Theorem is provable in WKL_0 . Let X be a separable Banach space. Let $p : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function such that $p(rx) = rp(x)$ and $p(x+y) \leq p(x) + p(y)$ for all $r \geq 0$ and $x, y \in X$. Let Y be a subspace of X and let $g : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a bounded linear functional such that $g(x) \leq p(x)$ for all $x \in Y$. Then there exists a bounded linear functional $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that f extends g and $f(x) \leq p(x)$ for all $x \in X$.*

Proof. Either of the cited proofs of Theorem 4.8 can be straightforwardly adapted to prove this more general result. See also Theorem 4.2 of [7]. \square

For use later in this section, we note that the following separation principle holds in ACA_0 :

Lemma 4.10. *The following is provable in ACA_0 . Let X be a separable Banach space. Let Z be a countable set in X such that $\|x\| \geq 1$ for all x in the convex hull of Z . Then there exists $f \in B_1(X^*)$ such that $f(x) \geq 1$ for all x in the convex hull of Z .*

Proof. Put

$$W = \left\{ \sum_{i < n} q_i z_i \mid n \in \mathbb{N}, q_i \in \mathbb{Q} \cap [0, 1], \sum_{i < n} q_i = 1, z_i \in Z \right\}.$$

Note that $\|w\| \geq 1$ for all $w \in W$. Fix $x_0 \in W$. By arithmetical comprehension, there is a continuous function $p : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$$p(x) = \inf \{ c \in \mathbb{Q} \mid c > 0 \wedge \exists w \in W (\|(x/c) + w - x_0\| \leq 1) \}.$$

Then p satisfies the following:

1. $p(x_0) \geq 1$.
2. $0 \leq p(x) \leq \|x\|$ for all $x \in X$.
3. $p(rx) = rp(x)$ for all $r \geq 0$ and $x \in X$.
4. $p(x+y) \leq p(x) + p(y)$ for all $x, y \in X$.

Some remarks: if property 1 failed, then there would be $w \in W$ and a rational $c < 1$ such that $\|(x_0/c) + w - x_0\| \leq 1$, whence $\|(1-c)x_0 + cw\| \leq c < 1$, contrary to $(1-c)x_0 + cw$ being in W . Properties 2 and 3 are easily verified. As for property 4, given $c > p(x) + p(y)$, write $c = a + b$ where $a > p(x)$ and $b > p(y)$. Then there exist w_1 and w_2 in W such that $\|(x/a) + w_1 - x_0\| \leq 1$ and $\|(y/b) + w_2 - x_0\| \leq 1$. Then

$$\frac{x+y}{a+b} + \frac{a}{a+b}w_1 + \frac{b}{a+b}w_2 - x_0 = \left(\frac{a}{a+b} \right) \left(\frac{x}{a} + w_1 - x_0 \right) + \left(\frac{b}{a+b} \right) \left(\frac{y}{b} + w_2 - x_0 \right),$$

so

$$\left\| \frac{x+y}{a+b} + \frac{a}{a+b}w_1 + \frac{b}{a+b}w_2 - x_0 \right\| \leq \frac{a}{a+b} + \frac{b}{a+b} = 1$$

whence $p(x+y) \leq a+b = c$.

Let Y be the subspace of X generated by x_0 , *i.e.*, $Y = \mathbb{R}x_0$. Define $g : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $g(rx_0) = rp(x_0)$. Then g is a bounded linear functional on Y . Moreover, if $r \geq 0$ then $g(rx_0) = rp(x_0) = p(rx_0)$, and if $r < 0$ then $g(rx_0) = rp(x_0) \leq 0 \leq p(rx_0)$, so $g \leq p$ on Y . Thus, by our extended Hahn-Banach theorem 4.9 in WKL_0 , we can extend g to a bounded linear functional $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $f \leq p$ on X .

Let $w \in W$ be given, and suppose y is such that $\|y\| \leq 1$. Then $\|(y - w + x_0) + w - x_0\| = \|y\| \leq 1$, whence $f(y - w + x_0) \leq p(y - w + x_0) \leq 1$ by definition of p . But $f(y - w + x_0) = f(y) - f(w) + f(x_0)$ and $f(x_0) \geq 1$, so $f(y) \leq f(w)$. Replacing f by $f/\|f\|$, we see that $f \in B_1(X^*)$ and $f(x) \geq 1$ for all x in the convex hull of Z . This completes the proof. \square

We conjecture that this separation principle is actually provable in WKL_0 and not only in ACA_0 .

We now begin our treatment of the weak-* topology within RCA_0 . We start by introducing an RCA_0 version of the bounded-weak-* topology:

Definition 4.11 (RCA_0). A (code for a) *bounded-weak*-closed set* C in X^* is defined to be a sequence of (codes for) closed sets $C_n \subseteq B_n(X^*)$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, such that

$$\forall m \forall n (m < n \longrightarrow C_m = B_m(X^*) \cap C_n).$$

We write $x^* \in C$ to mean $\exists n (x^* \in C_n)$, or equivalently $\forall n (n > \|x^*\| \rightarrow x^* \in C_n)$. A *bounded-weak*-open set* in X^* is defined to be the complement of a bounded-weak*-closed set in X^* .

The next lemma formalizes within ACA_0 a well-known fact (see Lemma V.5.4 in [11]): there is a bounded-weak-* neighborhood basis of 0 in X^* consisting of the polars of sequences converging to 0 in X .

Lemma 4.12. *The following is provable in ACA_0 . Let X be a separable Banach space. If $\langle x_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$ is a sequence of points in X such that $x_n \rightarrow 0$, then*

$$\{x^* \in X^* \mid \forall n |x^*(x_n)| < 1\}$$

contains 0 and is bounded-weak-open in X^* . Conversely, if U is a bounded-weak*-open set in X^* containing 0, then we can find a sequence of points $\langle x_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$ in X such that $x_n \rightarrow 0$ and $\{x^* \in X^* \mid \forall n |x^*(x_n)| \leq 1\} \subseteq U$.*

Proof. Reasoning in ACA_0 , let $\langle x_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$ be a sequence of points in X such that $\lim_n x_n = 0$. By arithmetical comprehension, there exists a sequence of integers N_m , $m \in \mathbb{N}$, such that $\|x_n\| < 1/m$ for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$ and $n \geq N_m$. Using the sequence $\langle N_m \mid m \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$ as a parameter, we can define a sequence of closed sets $C_m \subseteq B_m(X^*)$, $m \in \mathbb{N}$, by

$$C_m = \{x^* \in B_m(X^*) \mid \exists n < N_m (|x^*(x_n)| \geq 1)\}.$$

It is easy to verify that

$$C_m = \{x^* \in B_m(X^*) \mid \exists n |x^*(x_n)| \geq 1\}$$

and hence $C_k = C_m \cap B_k(X^*)$ for all $k < m$. Thus by Definition 4.11 we have a bounded-weak-*closed set $C = \bigcup_{m \in \mathbb{N}} C_m$ and clearly

$$X^* \setminus C = \{x^* \in X^* \mid \forall n |x^*(x_n)| < 1\}.$$

This shows that $\{x^* \in X^* \mid \forall n |x^*(x_n)| < 1\}$ is bounded-weak-*open in X^* .

The proof of the converse will be carried out in \mathbf{WKL}_0 . Let U be a bounded-weak-*open set in X^* containing 0. Then $C = X^* \setminus U$ is a bounded-weak-*closed set with $0 \notin C$. For any countable set $S \subseteq X$ let S° be the *polar* of S , *i.e.*,

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

To complete the proof, we need to construct a sequence of points $\langle x_k \mid k \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$ in X such that $\lim_k x_k = 0$ and $\{x_k \mid k \in \mathbb{N}\}^\circ \cap C = \emptyset$.

Let $X = \widehat{A}$ where A is a countable dense set in X . Put $A_0 = A$ and, for each $n \geq 1$, $A_n = \{a \in A \mid \|a\| < 1/n\}$. Claim: for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and any countable set $S \subseteq X$, if $S^\circ \cap B_n(X^*) \cap C = \emptyset$ then there exists a finite set $F \subset A_n$ such that $(S \cup F)^\circ \cap B_{n+1}(X^*) \cap C = \emptyset$. If such an F does not exist, then for all finite sets $F \subset A_n$ we would have $(S \cup F)^\circ \cap B_{n+1}(X^*) \cap C \neq \emptyset$, so by the Heine-Borel covering property of the compact set $B_{n+1}(X^*)$ it would follow that

$$(S \cup A_n)^\circ \cap B_{n+1}(X^*) \cap C \neq \emptyset.$$

But $(S \cup A_n)^\circ = S^\circ \cap A_n^\circ = S^\circ \cap B_n(X^*)$, and hence $S^\circ \cap B_n(X^*) \cap C \neq \emptyset$, a contradiction. This proves the claim.

Within \mathbf{WKL}_0 , we can apply the claim above repeatedly starting with $F_0 = \emptyset$ to obtain a sequence of finite sets $F_{n+1} \subseteq A_n$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, such that

$$(F_0 \cup \dots \cup F_n)^\circ \cap B_n(X^*) \cap C = \emptyset$$

for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. The construction can be carried out effectively within \mathbf{WKL}_0 because, by Lemma 5.8 of [3], the predicates $F \subset A_n$ and $F^\circ \cap B_n(X^*) \cap C = \emptyset$ are provably in \mathbf{WKL}_0 equivalent to Σ_1^0 formulas. Thus the existence of a sequence of finite sets $\langle F_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$ with the mentioned properties is provable in \mathbf{WKL}_0 .

Letting $\langle x_k \mid k \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$ be an enumeration without repetition of $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} F_n$, it is clear that $x_k \rightarrow 0$ in X and that $\{x_k \mid k \in \mathbb{N}\}^\circ \cap C = \emptyset$. This completes the proof. \square

We now introduce our \mathbf{RCA}_0 version of the weak-* topology.

Definition 4.13 (\mathbf{RCA}_0). A *weak-*open set* in X^* is defined to be a bounded-weak-*open set U in X^* such that for all $x_0^* \in U$ there exists a finite sequence of points $x_0, \dots, x_{n-1} \in X$ such that

$$\{x^* \in X^* \mid \forall k < n (|x^*(x_k) - x_0^*(x_k)| \leq 1)\} \subseteq U.$$

A *weak-*closed set* in X^* is defined to be the complement of a weak-*open set in X^* .

According to the previous definition, we have trivially in \mathbf{RCA}_0 that any weak-*closed set is bounded-weak-*closed. In \mathbf{ACA}_0 we have following version of the Krein-Šmulian theorem:

Theorem 4.14. *The following is provable in ACA_0 . Let X be a separable Banach space. Suppose that $C \subseteq X^*$ is convex and bounded-weak*-closed. Then C is weak*-closed.*

Proof. Let $x_0^* \notin C$ be given. Then $C - x_0^*$ is also bounded-weak*-closed and convex, and $0 \notin C - x_0^*$. Thus $(C - x_0^*) \cap B_n(X^*)$ is a closed subset of $B_n(X^*)$ for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Since $B_n(X^*)$ is compact, in ACA_0 there exists a countable dense subset $D_n \subset (C - x_0^*) \cap B_n(X^*)$ for each n (see Theorem 3.2 in [4]). We want to find a weak*-open set N containing 0 in X^* which is disjoint from $C - x_0^*$, as this will show that $x_0^* + N$ is disjoint from C . Let U be a bounded-weak*-open set containing 0 which is disjoint from $C - x_0^*$. By Lemma 4.12, there is a sequence $\{x_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ such that $x_n \rightarrow 0$ and $\{x^* \in X^* \mid \forall n |x^*(x_n)| \leq 1\} \subseteq U$.

Now, for each $m \in \mathbb{N}$, define a function $T_m : B_m(X^*) \rightarrow c_0$ by $T_m(x^*) = \langle x^*(x_n) \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$. These form a sequence of compatible functions, *i.e.*, if $m < n$ then $T_n|_{B_m(X^*)} = T_m$. Thus we can define a function $T : X^* \rightarrow c_0$ by $T(x^*) = T_m(x^*)$ where $x^* \in B_m(X^*)$. Notice that T is linear, and $\|T(x^*)\| \leq 1$ implies $x^* \in U$ for all $x^* \in X^*$. Let D be an enumeration of the dense sets $D_n \subset (C - x_0^*) \cap B_n(X^*)$, and let $E = T(D)$ (which exists by arithmetical comprehension); then E is a countable subset of c_0 , and $\|x\| > 1$ for all x in the convex hull of E . By Lemma 4.10 there exists $f \in B_1(c_0^*) = B_1(\ell_1)$ such that $f(x) \geq 1$ for all x in the convex hull of E . Write $f = \langle \alpha_n : n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle \in \ell_1$.

Let $x = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \alpha_n x_n$; note that $\{x^* \in X^* \mid |x^*(x)| < 1\}$ is weak*-open and contains 0. Also, if $y^* \in C - x_0^*$ then $y^* \in B_m(X^*)$ for some m . Thus $|y^*(x)| = |\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \alpha_n y^*(x_n)| = |f(T(y^*))| = |f(T_m(y^*))| \geq 1$ since D_m is dense in $B_m(X^*)$ and f and T_m are continuous. So let $N = \{x^* \in X^* \mid |x^*(2x)| < 1\} = \{x^* \in X^* \mid |x^*(x)| < 1/2\}$; then N is weak*-open, contains 0, and is disjoint from $C - x_0^*$. This completes the proof. \square

Specializing to subspaces of X^* (see also Corollary 2.8 above), we obtain:

Corollary 4.15. *The following is provable in ACA_0 . Let X be a separable Banach space. Let C be a closed set in $B_1(X^*)$ such that $C = B_1(X^*) \cap \text{span}(C)$ where*

$$\text{span}(C) = \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^n a_i x_i^* \mid a_i \in \mathbb{R}, x_i^* \in C, n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}.$$

Then $\text{span}(C)$ is a weak-closed subspace of X^* .*

Proof. This follows easily from the previous theorem. See also the proof of Corollary 2.8. \square

5. PROOF OF THE MAIN RESULT

In this section we show that a rather strong set existence axiom, Π_1^1 comprehension, is needed to prove a very elementary (indeed trivial-sounding) fact of separable Banach space theory. Namely, $\Pi_1^1\text{-CA}_0$ is equivalent over ACA_0 to the following statement:

- (S) Given a separable Banach space X and a countable set $Y \subset X^*$,
there is a smallest weak*-closed subspace C of X^* such that
 $Y \subseteq C$.

This equivalence is the content of our main result, Theorem 5.6 below.

The forward direction is the assertion that (S) is provable in $\Pi_1^1\text{-CA}_0$. This will be obtained as a special case of:

Lemma 5.1. *The following is provable in $\Pi_1^1\text{-CA}_0$. Let X be a separable Banach space. Given a countable set $Y \subset X^*$, there is a smallest weak- $*$ -closed set $C \subseteq X^*$ such that $Y \subseteq C$.*

Proof. We reason in $\Pi_1^1\text{-CA}_0$. For each $x_0^* \in X^*$ and each finite set $F \subset X$, there is a weak- $*$ -open set

$$U(x_0^*, F) = \{x^* \in X^* \mid \forall x \in F (|x^*(x) - x_0^*(x)| < 1)\}.$$

By Σ_1^1 comprehension, let U be the weak- $*$ -open set which is the union of the $U(x_0^*, F)$ for all $x_0^* \in X^*$ and all finite $F \subset X$ satisfying the arithmetical condition $Y \cap U(x_0^*, F) = \emptyset$. In terms of Definitions 4.2 and 4.13, the code of $U_n = U \cap B_n(X^*)$ for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ is the union of the codes of $U(x_0^*, F) \cap B_n(X^*)$ for all $x_0^* \in X^*$ and all finite $F \subset X$ such that $Y \cap U(x_0^*, F) = \emptyset$. Clearly $C = X^* \setminus U$ is the smallest weak- $*$ -closed set that includes Y . This completes the proof. \square

For the reversal, we must show that (S) implies $\Pi_1^1\text{-CA}_0$. The standard method of proving that a mathematical statement implies $\Pi_1^1\text{-CA}_0$ is to apply the following lemma [12, 25]:

Lemma 5.2. *It is provable in RCA_0 that the following are equivalent:*

1. $\Pi_1^1\text{-CA}_0$;
2. *For any sequence of trees $\langle T_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$, there exists a set $W \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ consisting of all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that T_n is well-founded.*

Proof. The assertion that T_n is well-founded is Π_1^1 (using the sequence $\langle T_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$ as a parameter). The implication from (1) to (2) is therefore obvious. For the converse, reasoning in RCA_0 , first we show that (2) implies ACA_0 . It is well-known (see [25]) that ACA_0 is equivalent over RCA_0 to the statement that, for any one-to-one function $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, the range of f exists. Accordingly, let $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ be one-to-one. By recursive comprehension (using f as a parameter), we define a sequence $\langle T_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$ by $s \in T_n$ if and only if $\forall k < \text{lh}(s) (n \neq f(k))$. Note that T_n is well-founded if and only if n is in the range of f . By (2), there is a set W such that $n \in W$ if and only if T_n is well-founded, and so $n \in W$ if and only if n is in the range of f , *i.e.*, the range of f exists, as desired. This proves ACA_0 .

Now, reasoning in ACA_0 , let $\varphi(n)$ be a Π_1^1 formula. By the Normal Form Theorem formalized within ACA_0 (see [25]), we can write $\varphi(n) \equiv \forall f \exists m \theta(f[m], n)$, where θ is Σ_0^0 . Use recursive comprehension to form a sequence of trees

$$T_n = \{s \mid \forall m \leq \text{lh}(s) \neg \theta(s[m], n)\},$$

$n \in \mathbb{N}$. Note that, for all n , $\varphi(n)$ holds if and only if T_n is well-founded. By (2) there exists a set W consisting of all n such that T_n is well-founded. Thus for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ we have $\varphi(n)$ if and only if $n \in W$. This proves Π_1^1 comprehension. Thus we have the implication from (2) to (1). This completes the proof. \square

In showing that the implication from (S) to $\Pi_1^1\text{-CA}_0$ is provable in ACA_0 , we shall want to know that some of our results from Section 3 are provable in ACA_0 . Our ACA_0 version of part of Lemma 3.14 is:

Lemma 5.3. *The following is provable in ACA_0 (actually WKL_0). Let $T \subseteq \text{Seq}$ be a tree and let*

$$T^* = \{s \in \text{Seq} \mid \exists t \in T (t \leq s)\}$$

be the upward closure of T under majorization. Then T is well-founded if and only if T^ is well-founded.*

Proof. We reason in WKL_0 . If T^* is well-founded then obviously T is well-founded, since $T \subseteq T^*$. Suppose now that T^* is not well-founded. Let f be a path through T^* . By recursive comprehension form the tree $T_f = \{t \in T \mid t \leq f[\text{lh}(t)]\}$. Since f is a path through T^* , we have that for each n there exists $t \in T_f$ such that $t \leq f[n]$, and hence $\text{lh}(t) = n$, so T_f is infinite. Thus T_f is a bounded infinite tree. By Bounded König's Lemma, T_f has a path. Here we are using the fact that Bounded König's Lemma is provable in WKL_0 (see [12] and Lemma IV.1.4 of [25]). Since $T_f \subseteq T$, it follows that T has a path. This completes the proof. \square

Recall that a tree T is said to be *smooth* if $T^* = T$. The previous lemma implies the following refinement of Lemma 5.2.

Lemma 5.4. *It is provable in ACA_0 (actually in WKL_0) that the following are pairwise equivalent:*

1. $\Pi_1^1\text{-CA}_0$;
2. *For any sequence of trees $\langle T_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$, there exists a set $W \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ consisting of all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that T_n is well-founded.*
3. *For any sequence of smooth trees $\langle T_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$, there exists a set $W \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ consisting of all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that T_n is well-founded.*

Proof. The equivalence of (1) and (2) is Lemma 5.2. Given a sequence of trees $\langle T_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$, we can use recursive comprehension to form a sequence of smooth trees $\langle T_n^* \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$. By the previous lemma we have in WKL_0 that for all n , T_n is well-founded if and only if T_n^* is well-founded. The equivalence of (2) and (3) follows. \square

Our ACA_0 version of Corollary 3.12 is:

Lemma 5.5. *The following is provable in ACA_0 . Let $S \subseteq \text{Seq}$ be such that, for each $s \in S$, $s \hat{\ } \langle m \rangle \in S$ for all but finitely many m . Then Z_S is a weak-*-closed subspace of $\ell_1(\text{Seq}) = c_0^*(\text{Seq})$.*

Proof. To simplify notation, let us write $X = c_0(\text{Seq})$, so that $X^* = \ell_1(\text{Seq})$. Clearly Z_S is a subspace of X^* . In order to show that Z_S is weak-*-closed, we shall first show that $Z_S \cap B_1(X^*)$ is weak-*-closed.

By arithmetical comprehension, there exists a sequence $\langle M_s \mid s \in S \rangle$ where M_s is the least M such that $s^\frown \langle m \rangle \in S$ for all $m \geq M$. Using $\langle M_s \mid s \in S \rangle$ as a parameter, let $\varphi(z)$ be a Σ_1^0 formula asserting for $z \in X^*$ the existence of $s \in S$ and $M \geq M_s$ such that

$$(1) \quad \left| \frac{1}{s'} z(s) - \frac{1}{s} \sum_{m < M} z(s^\frown \langle m \rangle) \right| > \frac{1}{s^\frown \langle M \rangle}.$$

Since $\varphi(z)$ is Σ_1^0 , it follows by standard RCA_0 techniques (see Lemma II.5.7 of [25]) that there exists a relatively weak- $*$ -open set $U \subseteq B_1(X^*)$ consisting of all $z \in B_1(X^*)$ such that $\varphi(z)$ holds.

We claim that $U = B_1(X^*) \setminus Z_S$. To see this, let $z \in B_1(X^*)$ be given. If $z \notin Z_S$, then for some $s \in S$ we have

$$\left| \frac{1}{s'} z(s) - \frac{1}{s} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} z(s^\frown \langle m \rangle) \right| > 0,$$

whence (1) holds for all sufficiently large $M \geq M_s$, whence $z \in U$. Conversely, if $z \in U \cap Z_S$, then by (1) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{s^\frown \langle M \rangle} &< \left| \frac{1}{s} \sum_{m \geq M} z(s^\frown \langle m \rangle) \right| && \text{(since } z \in Z_S) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{s} \sum_{m \geq M} |z(s^\frown \langle m \rangle)| \\ &= \frac{1}{s} \sum_{m \geq M} \left| \frac{s}{s^\frown \langle m \rangle} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} z(s^\frown \langle m, n \rangle) \right| && \text{(since } z \in Z_{s^\frown \langle m \rangle} \text{ for all } m \geq M) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{s^\frown \langle M \rangle} \sum_{m \geq M} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |z(s^\frown \langle m, n \rangle)| \\ &\leq \frac{\|z\|}{s^\frown \langle M \rangle}, \end{aligned}$$

whence $\|z\| > 1$, i.e., $z \notin B_1(X^*)$, a contradiction. This proves the claim.

The claim implies that $Z_S \cap B_1(X^*)$ is weak- $*$ -closed. By Corollary 4.15, it follows in ACA_0 that Z_S is weak- $*$ -closed. This completes the proof. \square

We are now ready to prove our main result:

Theorem 5.6 (RCA_0). *The following are pairwise equivalent:*

1. $\Pi_1^1\text{-CA}_0$.
2. For every separable Banach space X and countable set $Y \subseteq X^*$, there exists a smallest weak- $*$ -closed set in X^* containing Y .
3. For every separable Banach space X and countable set $Y \subseteq X^*$, there exists a smallest weak- $*$ -closed convex set in X^* containing Y .

4. For every separable Banach space X and countable set $Y \subseteq X^*$, there exists a smallest weak- $*$ -closed subspace of X^* containing Y ;
5. For every countable set $Y \subseteq \ell_1 = c_0^*$, there exists a smallest weak- $*$ -closed set in ℓ_1 containing Y .
6. For every countable set $Y \subseteq \ell_1 = c_0^*$, there exists a smallest weak- $*$ -closed convex set in ℓ_1 containing Y .
7. For every countable set $Y \subseteq \ell_1 = c_0^*$, there exists a smallest weak- $*$ -closed subspace of ℓ_1 containing Y .

Proof. The implication from (1) to (2) is just Lemma 5.1. The implications from (2) to (3) and (5) to (6) are straightforward by considering the countable set

$$\left\{ \sum_{i=0}^n q_i y_i^* \mid \sum_{i=0}^n q_i = 1, q_i \in \mathbb{Q}, q_i > 0, y_i^* \in Y, n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}.$$

The implications from (3) to (4) and (6) to (7) are straightforward by considering the countable set

$$\left\{ \sum_{i=0}^n q_i y_i^* \mid q_i \in \mathbb{Q}, y_i^* \in Y, n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}.$$

The implications from (2) to (5) and (3) to (6) and (4) to (7) are trivial.

It remains to prove in RCA_0 that (7) implies $\Pi_1^1\text{-CA}_0$. First we show in RCA_0 that (7) implies ACA_0 . Toward that end, let $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ be one-to-one; we want to show that the range of f exists. Using f as a parameter, let $Y = \{y_{\langle n, m \rangle} \mid \exists k \leq m (f(k) = n)\} \subset \ell_1$. By (7), let C be the smallest weak- $*$ -closed subspace of ℓ_1 containing Y . Claim: for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $y_{\langle n \rangle} \in C$ if and only if n is in the range of f . To see this, first suppose $n = f(k)$ for some k . Then $y_{\langle n, m \rangle} \in Y$ for all $m \geq k$, and, since $y_{\langle n, m \rangle} \rightarrow y_{\langle n \rangle}$ weak- $*$ as $m \rightarrow \infty$, we have $y_{\langle n \rangle} \in C$. Conversely, suppose n is not in the range of f . Then $y_{\langle n, m \rangle} \notin Y$ for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$, and hence, for all $y_{\langle k, m \rangle} \in Y$, $y_{\langle k, m \rangle}(\langle n \rangle) = 0$. Let C' be the set of all $y \in \ell_1(\text{Seq})$ such that $y(\langle n \rangle) = 0$. Then C' is a weak- $*$ -closed subspace of ℓ_1 which contains Y (and hence contains C), but $y_{\langle n \rangle} \notin C' \supseteq C$. This proves the claim. Now, ' $y_{\langle n \rangle} \in C$ ' is Π_1^0 (as C is a code for a weak- $*$ -closed set), whereas ' n is in the range of f ' is Σ_1^0 , so by recursive comprehension, the range of f exists, as desired. Thus (7) implies ACA_0 .

So, reasoning within ACA_0 , assume (7). Instead of proving $\Pi_1^1\text{-CA}_0$ directly, we shall prove the equivalent statement given by Lemma 5.4.

Let $\langle T_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$ be a sequence of smooth trees. By recursive comprehension, form the set

$$T = \{\langle n \rangle \hat{\ } s \mid n \in \mathbb{N}, s \in T_n\}.$$

Using the notation of Definition 3.6, consider the countable set $Y = \{y_t \mid t \notin T\}$. Note that $Y \subseteq Z_T$. By (7) there is a smallest weak- $*$ -closed subspace C of $\ell_1(\text{Seq})$ such that $C \supseteq Y$. Since the predicate $y \in C$ is arithmetical (in fact Π_1^0 , using a code for C as a parameter), we can use arithmetical comprehension to form the set

$$W = \{n \mid y_{\langle n \rangle} \in C\}.$$

We claim that, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, T_n is well-founded if and only if $n \in W$.

To prove the claim, let n be such that T_n is well-founded. We shall argue by arithmetical transfinite induction on the well-founded tree T_n that $y_{\langle n \rangle \frown s} \in C$ for all $s \in \text{Seq}$. (Note that arithmetical transfinite induction is available in ACA_0 ; see Lemma V.2.1 of [25].) The base step consists of observing that $s \notin T_n$ implies $\langle n \rangle \frown s \notin T$ which implies $y_{\langle n \rangle \frown s} \in Y \subseteq C$. For the inductive step, let $s \in T_n$ be given such that $y_{\langle n \rangle \frown s \frown \langle m \rangle} \in C$ for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$. Clearly $y_{\langle n \rangle \frown s \frown \langle m \rangle}$ converges weak-* to $y_{\langle n \rangle \frown s}$ as $m \rightarrow \infty$. Since C is weak-*closed, it follows that $y_{\langle n \rangle \frown s} \in C$. This gives the inductive step. Thus $y_{\langle n \rangle \frown s} \in C$ for all $s \in \text{Seq}$. In particular $y_{\langle n \rangle} \in C$, i.e., $n \in W$. This proves half of the claim.

For the other half, let n be such that T_n is not well-founded. We shall show that $n \notin W$. Let f be a path through T_n . By recursive comprehension form the set

$$S = \{ \langle n \rangle \frown s \mid f[\text{lh}(s)] \leq s \}.$$

Note that $\langle n \rangle \in S$. Since T_n is smooth, we have $S \subseteq T$, and hence $y_{\langle n \rangle} \notin Z_S \supseteq Z_T \supseteq Y$. Moreover, for any $\langle n \rangle \frown s \in S$, we have $\langle n \rangle \frown s \frown \langle m \rangle \in S$ for all $m \geq f(\text{lh}(s))$, whence by Lemma 5.5 Z_S is a weak-*closed subspace of X^* . It follows that $Z_S \supseteq C$, and hence $y_{\langle n \rangle} \notin C$, i.e., $n \notin W$. This completes the proof of the claim.

From our assumption (7) we have shown that for all sequences of smooth trees $\langle T_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$, there exists a set W consisting of all n such that T_n is well-founded. Hence by Lemma 5.4 we see that (7) implies Π_1^1 comprehension, i.e., (1). This completes the proof of Theorem 5.6. \square

Theorem 5.7 (RCA_0). *The following are pairwise equivalent:*

1. $\Pi_1^1\text{-CA}_0$.
2. *For every separable Banach space X such that X^* is also separable, and for every norm closed subspace $Z \subseteq X^*$, there exists a smallest weak-*closed subspace of X^* containing Z .*
3. *For every separable Banach space X such that X^* is also separable, and for every weakly closed subspace $Z \subseteq X^*$, there exists a smallest weak-*closed subspace of X^* containing Z .*
4. *For every norm closed subspace $Z \subseteq \ell_1 = c_0^*$, there exists a smallest weak-*closed subspace of ℓ_1 containing Z .*
5. *For every weakly closed subspace $Z \subseteq \ell_1 = c_0^*$, there exists a smallest weak-*closed subspace of ℓ_1 containing Z .*

Of course, in light of Theorem 3.21, with enough comprehension the equivalences (2) \Leftrightarrow (3) and (4) \Leftrightarrow (5) are trivial; however, we do not know the status of Theorem 3.21 in RCA_0 .

Proof. Let X be a separable Banach space, with $Z \subseteq X^*$ a norm closed subspace. In $\Pi_1^1\text{-CA}_0$, since Z is norm closed there is a countable set $S \subset X^*$ such that Z is the norm closure of S (see [4], [7]). By Theorem 5.6, there is a smallest weak-* closed subspace of X^* containing S , which must also be the smallest weak-* closed subspace of X^* containing Z . Thus (1) implies (2). The implications (2) \Rightarrow (4) and (3) \Rightarrow (5) are trivial, and the implications (2) \Rightarrow (3) and (4) \Rightarrow (5) follow from the norm topology being stronger than the weak topology.

It remains only to prove in RCA_0 that (5) \Rightarrow (1). As in the proof of Theorem 5.6, we first show that (5) implies ACA_0 . So assume (5) and let $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ be one-to-one; we want to show in RCA_0 that the range of f exists. By recursive comprehension (using f as a parameter), define a tree T by

$$T = \{\langle \rangle\} \cup \{\langle n \rangle \frown s \mid \forall k \leq \text{lh}(s) (f(k) \neq n)\}.$$

Then Z_T is a weakly closed subspace of $\ell_1 = c_0^*$. By (5), let C be the smallest weak-* closed subspace of ℓ_1 containing Z_T . We claim that for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, n is in the range of f if and only if $y_{\langle n \rangle} \in C$. To see this, first suppose n is in the range of f , say $f(m) = n$. We'll show by Π_1^0 -induction (which is available in RCA_0 ; see Corollary 3.10 in [25]) that for all $s \in \text{Seq}$, $y_{\langle n \rangle \frown s} \in C$. Let $\varphi(i)$ be the Π_1^0 formula $\forall s \in \text{Seq} (\text{lh}(s) = m - i \rightarrow y_{\langle n \rangle \frown s} \in C)$. By the definition of T , if $\text{lh}(s) \geq m$ then $\langle n \rangle \notin T$, whence $y_{\langle n \rangle \frown s} \in Z_T \subseteq C$, and so $\varphi(0)$ holds. Now suppose $\text{lh}(s) = m - i$, and $y_{\langle n \rangle \frown t} \in C$ for all $t \in \text{Seq}$ with $\text{lh}(t) = m - i + 1$. Then $y_{\langle n \rangle \frown s \frown \langle k \rangle} \in C$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$, and $y_{\langle n \rangle \frown s \frown \langle k \rangle} \rightarrow y_{\langle n \rangle \frown s}$ weak-* as $k \rightarrow \infty$, so $y_{\langle n \rangle \frown s} \in C$ since C is weak-* closed. Thus $\varphi(i - 1)$ implies $\varphi(i)$, so it follows by Π_1^0 -induction that $\varphi(i)$ holds for all $i \in \mathbb{N}$. In particular, $\varphi(m)$ holds, *i.e.*, $y_{\langle n \rangle} \in C$. This proves one half of the claim.

Conversely, suppose n is not in the range of f ; we want to show that $y_{\langle n \rangle} \notin C$. Let $S = \{\langle n \rangle \frown s \mid s \in \text{Seq}\}$. Then $S \subseteq T$, whence $Z_S \supseteq Z_T$. It suffices therefore to show that Z_S is weak-* closed, because then $Z_S \supseteq C$, and $y_{\langle n \rangle} \notin Z_S$ since $\langle n \rangle \in S$. In fact, we'll show that $Z_S = \{z \in \ell_1(\text{Seq}) \mid \forall t \in S (z(t) = 0)\}$, which is clearly weak-* closed. Obviously, if $z(t) = 0$ for all $t \in S$, it follows from the definition of Z_S that $z \in Z_S$. On the other hand, suppose $z \in Z_S$ and let $t \in S$ be given. Since $z \in Z_S \subseteq Z_{t \frown s}$ for all $s \in \text{Seq}$, it follows that $(1/t')z(t) = (1/t) \sum_{m_1 \in \mathbb{N}} z(t \frown \langle m_1 \rangle)$, which in turn equals $\sum_{m_1 \in \mathbb{N}} (1/(t \frown \langle m_1 \rangle)) \sum_{m_2 \in \mathbb{N}} z(t \frown \langle m_1, m_2 \rangle)$, which equals

$$\sum_{m_1, m_2 \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{1}{t \frown \langle m_1, m_2 \rangle} \sum_{m_3 \in \mathbb{N}} z(t \frown \langle m_1, m_2, m_3 \rangle),$$

and so on. Thus for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$ we have

$$\frac{1}{t'}z(t) = \sum_{s \in \mathbb{N}^k} \frac{1}{t \frown s} \sum_{m \in \mathbb{N}} z(t \frown s \frown \langle m \rangle).$$

From this it follows easily that

$$\frac{1}{t'}|z(t)| \leq \frac{1}{t \frown \langle 0 \rangle^k} \|z\|_1 \quad \text{for all } k \in \mathbb{N},$$

where $\langle 0 \rangle^k$ is the sequence of length k , all of whose terms are 0. The right hand side of this inequality approaches 0 as $k \rightarrow \infty$. Thus $z(t) = 0$. We have shown that $z \in Z_S$ if and only if $z(t) = 0$ for all $t \in S$. This completes the proof of the claim. Since ' n is in the range of f ' is Σ_1^0 and ' $y_{\langle n \rangle} \in C$ ' is Π_1^0 , it follows by recursive comprehension that the range of f exists. Thus (5) implies ACA_0 .

To prove that (5) implies $\Pi_1^1\text{-CA}_0$, we observe that the subspace $Z_T \subseteq \ell_1$ in the proof of Theorem 5.6 is weakly closed, so we need only repeat the ACA_0 part of that argument. This completes the proof of Theorem 5.7. \square

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