

ARCHIMEDEAN AND DIRECTIONALLY CLOSED CONES

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In what follows, X is a vector space over \mathbb{R} . A nonempty subset $W \subseteq X$ is called a *wedge* whenever $\alpha W \subseteq W$ for all $\alpha \geq 0$. A wedge W is a *cone* if $W \cap (-W) = \{0\}$. As is known, in every (pre)ordered vector space (X, \leq) the set $X^+ := \{x \in X : x \geq 0\}$ is a cone (wedge). Conversely, if W is a cone (wedge) in X then the relation \leq_W defined by the rule $x \leq_W y \Leftrightarrow y - x \in W$ makes X into a (pre)ordered vector space with $X^+ = W$.

A (pre)ordered vector space (X, \leq) is said to satisfy the *axiom of Archimedes* whenever for all $x \in X$ and $y \in X^+$ the condition $(\forall n \in \mathbb{N})(x \leq \frac{1}{n}y)$ implies $x \leq 0$. A cone (wedge) W in a vector space X is called *Archimedean* if the corresponding (pre)ordered vector space (X, \leq_W) satisfies the axiom of Archimedes.

See [1] for the basic information on Archimedean cones. The relation between Archimedean and closed cones is studied in [2].

Say that a set $C \subseteq X$ is *closed along the direction of* $y \in X$ if for every family $(\alpha_i)_{i \in I} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ and every $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, $x \in X$, the conditions $\inf_{i \in I} \alpha_i = \alpha$ and $(\forall i \in I)(x + \alpha_i y \in C)$ imply $x + \alpha y \in C$. A convex set $C \subseteq X$ is closed along the direction of $y \in X$ if and only if for all $x \in X$ the condition $\inf\{\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^+ : x + \alpha y \in C\} = 0$ implies $x \in C$.

Theorem 1. *The following properties of a convex subset $C \subseteq X$ are equivalent:*

- (1) C is Archimedean;
- (2) C is closed along all directions;
- (3) the intersection of C with every straight line is closed;
- (4) the intersection of C with every finite-dimensional subspace of X is closed;
- (5) $X \setminus C$ is algebraically closed (i.e., coincides with its algebraic interior).

Theorem 2. *Let $W \subseteq X$ be a wedge and let f be a linear functional on X such that $f \geq 0$ on W and $f(y) > 0$ for some $y \in W$. The wedge W is Archimedean if and only if W is closed along the direction of y and the set $\{x \in W : f(x) = 1\}$ is Archimedean.*

We will now present criteria for existence of f and y satisfying the hypotheses of Theorem 2.

Theorem 3. *Let \overline{W} be the closure of a wedge $W \subseteq X$ in the weak topology induced by the space $X^\#$ of all linear functionals on X . The following are equivalent:*

- (1) there exist $f \in X^\#$ and $y \in W$ such that $f \geq 0$ on W and $f(y) > 0$;
- (2) there exists $y \in W$ such that $-y \notin \overline{W}$;
- (3) $\text{lin } W \not\subseteq \overline{W}$, where $\text{lin } W$ is the linear span of W .

Every locally convex space of uncountable dimension includes a nonclosed Archimedean cone (see [2]). It remain unknown which locally convex spaces of countable dimension include non-closed Archimedean cones.

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