

Weak* derived sets

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- But that does not imply that $A^{(1)} = \overline{A}^{w^*}$ for convex sets, as it can happen that $A^{(1)} \neq (A^{(1)})^{(1)}$.

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- Every subspace of X^* is of countable non-limit order.

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Can the order of a convex subset be a countable limit ordinal?

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Theorem (Ostrovskii 2011)

The dual Banach space X^* contains a linear subspace A such that $A^{(1)}$ is a proper norm dense subset of X^* , if and only if X is a non-quasi-reflexive Banach space containing an infinite-dimensional subspace with separable dual.

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- The proof uses the existence of a subspace of X with nice finite-dimensional decomposition.
 - It is unknown if we can always find such A for a limit ordinal α (possible in c_0 , unclear in $\ell_1 \oplus \ell_2$).