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## FRAGMENTABILITY OF THE DUAL OF A BANACH SPACE WITH SMOOTH BUMP

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ABSTRACT. We prove that if a Banach space  $X$  admits a Lipschitz  $\beta$ -smooth bump function, then  $(X^*, weak^*)$  is fragmented by a metric, generating a topology, which is stronger than the  $\tau_\beta$ -topology. We also use this to prove that if  $X^*$  admits a Lipschitz Gâteaux-smooth bump function, then  $X$  is sigma-fragmentable.

In [12] the authors proved that if a real Banach space admits an equivalent  $\beta$ -smooth norm, then every continuous convex function  $f$  defined on an open subset  $U$  of  $X$  is generically  $\beta$ -differentiable, that is,  $f$  is  $\beta$ -differentiable at the points of some dense  $G_\delta$  subset of  $U$ . In particular,  $X$  is weak Asplund when we speak about the Gâteaux bornology. In [2] it was described how to weaken the hypothesis in this case, namely that the existence of Lipschitz Gâteaux-smooth bump is sufficient to guarantee that  $X$  is weak Asplund. Later, Li Yongxin and Shi Shuzhong [10] strengthened the result of [12] in the general case (for generical  $\beta$ -differentiability) by proving that the conclusion in [12] is true even if

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the Banach space only admits a Lipschitz  $\beta$ -smooth bump function. This result is generalised there in the terms of minimal *weak\** *usco* mappings ([10, Theorem 2], see Corollary 2 here). Meanwhile, Ribarska [14] has shown that if a Banach space  $X$  admits an equivalent  $\beta$ -smooth norm, then  $(X^*, weak^*)$  is fragmented by a metric, generating a topology, which is stronger than the  $\tau_\beta$ -topology (see the definition), which is formally stronger than the results in [12]. Here we shall see that the existence of a Lipschitz  $\beta$ -smooth bump is sufficient for the same conclusion (Theorem 3). This result is stronger in view of the example of a space with a Lipschitz Fréchet-smooth bump and no equivalent Gâteaux-smooth norm constructed in [4]. Thus we obtain a common strengthening of the result in [14] and the mentioned results from [10].

We learned by the referee that M. Fosgerau has proved in his Ph.D. Thesis [3] that if a Banach space admits a Lipschitz Gâteaux-smooth bump function, then  $(X^*, weak^*)$  is fragmentable. Theorem 3 here contains this result as a special case. The result of Fosgerau has not been published.

As a consequence we can also strengthen a result from [9], namely Corollary 0.5. there, saying that if  $X$  is a Banach space, such that its dual  $X^*$  has an equivalent (not necessarily dual) Gâteaux-smooth norm, then  $(X, weak)$  is sigma-fragmentable by the norm. Here we prove this assertion under (possibly) weaker assumption of  $X^*$  having Lipschitz Gâteaux-smooth bump instead of equivalent Gâteaux-smooth norm.

We use a game introduced in [7] and a method used in [10] for proving our main theorem.

**Definition 1.** ([6]). *The topological space  $X$  is called fragmentable by a metric  $\rho$  if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , every subset of  $X$  has a nonempty relatively open subset of  $\rho$ -diameter less than  $\varepsilon$*

**Definition 2** ([5]). *The Banach space  $X$  is called sigma-fragmentable if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $X$  can be expressed as  $X = \bigcup_{n \geq 1} X_n$  such that for every  $n$ , every subset of  $X_n$  has a nonempty relatively weakly open subset of norm-diameter less than  $\varepsilon$*

In [7] the fragmentability of a space  $X$  was characterized by the existence of a winning strategy for the player  $\Omega$  in the following (“fragmenting”) game  $G$ . Two players ( $\Sigma$  and  $\Omega$ ) alternatively take *non-empty* subsets of  $X$ .  $\Sigma$  starts the game by choosing any subset  $A_1$  of  $X$  and  $\Omega$  answers by taking a *relatively open*

subset  $B_1 \subset A_1$ . After that, on the  $n$ -th move  $\Sigma$  takes any subset  $A_n$  of the last move  $B_{n-1}$  of  $\Omega$  and the latter answers again by taking a *relatively open* subset  $B_n$  of the set  $A_n$  just chosen by  $\Sigma$ . Using this way of selection, the players get a sequence of non-empty sets  $A_1 \supset B_1 \supset A_2 \supset \cdots \supset A_n \supset B_n \supset \cdots$ , which is called a play. The player  $\Omega$  is said to have won the play if the set  $\bigcap_{n \geq 1} A_n$  contains at most one point.

**Theorem 1** ([7, Theorem 1.1]). *The topological space  $X$  is fragmentable if and only if the player  $\Omega$  has a winning strategy for the game  $G$ .*

**Theorem 2** ([8, Theorem 1.2]). *Let  $t$  be some topology, possibly different from the original topology  $\tau$  on  $X$ . The topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is fragmentable by a metric which majorizes the topology  $t$  if and only if there exists a strategy for the player  $\Omega$  such that  $\bigcap_{n \geq 1} A_n = \emptyset$  or  $\bigcap_{n \geq 1} A_n = \{x\}$  and for every  $t$ -neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$ , there exists a positive integer  $k$  with  $B_k \subset U$ .*

Let  $X$  be a real Banach space, and let  $\beta$  be a bornology on  $X$ . For the notions of  $\beta$ -superdifferentiable and  $\beta$ -subdifferentiable extended real-valued functions,  $\beta$ -smooth function, as well as  $\beta$ -(sub/super)derivative we refer to [10], [1] or [11]. The  $\beta$ -derivative of a function  $f$  at a point  $x$  will be denoted by  $\nabla_\beta f(x)$ . The Gâteaux and Fréchet bornologies are denoted by  $G$  and  $F$ , respectively.

**Definition 3.** *Let  $\beta$  be a bornology on the space  $X$ . The (locally convex)  $\tau_\beta$ -topology on the dual space  $X^*$  is given by the zero-neighborhood base  $\{D_{S,\varepsilon} : S \in \beta, \varepsilon > 0\}$ , where  $D_{S,\varepsilon} = \{x^* \in X^* : \forall x \in S, \langle x^*, x \rangle < \varepsilon\}$*

In particular,  $\tau_G$  is the *weak\** topology and  $\tau_F$  is the norm topology (on  $X^*$ ).

**Proposition 1** ([10]). *Let the Banach space  $X$  satisfy  $(H_\beta)$ , that is, let there exist a Lipschitz  $\beta$ -smooth bump function  $\nu : X \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ . Then  $X$  satisfies also  $(H'_\beta)$ , that is, there exists a Lipschitz  $\beta$ -superdifferentiable function  $\mu : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  such that  $\mu(0) = 0$  and  $\mu(x) = 1$  for  $\|x\| \geq 1$ .*

**Definition 4.** *The continuous function  $\rho : X \rightarrow [1, +\infty]$  is called a  $\beta$ -well function, if it is  $\beta$ -superdifferentiable,  $\rho(0) < +\infty$  and  $\rho(x) = +\infty$  for  $\|x\| \geq 1$ .*

**Proposition 2** ([10]). *Let the Banach space  $X$  satisfy  $(H'_\beta)$ . Then there exists a  $\beta$ -well function on  $X$ .*

**Proposition 3** ([10]). *Let  $\rho_0$  be a  $\beta$ -well function on  $X$ ,  $\mu$  be the function from the definition of  $(H'_\beta)$ ,  $\mu_n(x) = \mu(nx)/2^n$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  and  $\{e_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset X$ . Then*

$$\rho_n(x) = \rho_0(x) + \sum_{k=1}^n \mu_k(x - e_k), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots,$$

and

$$\rho_\infty(x) = \rho_0(x) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu_k(x - e_k)$$

are all  $\beta$ -well functions on  $X$ .

**Definition 5.** *Let  $\rho$  be a  $\beta$ -well function on  $X$ . The gauge function  $\rho^*$  on  $X^*$  is defined for any  $x^* \in X^*$  by*

$$\rho^*(x^*) = \sup_{e \in X} \frac{\langle x^*, e \rangle}{\rho(e)}$$

**Proposition 4** ([10]). *Let  $\rho^*$  be the gauge function from the last definition. Then there is some  $\varepsilon_0 \in (0, 1)$  such that*

$$\forall x^* \in X^*, (1 - \varepsilon_0)\|x^*\| \leq \rho^*(x^*) \leq \|x^*\|.$$

**Proposition 5** ([10]). *Let  $\rho$  be a  $\beta$ -well function on  $X$ ,  $e_0 \in X$  with  $\rho(e_0) < +\infty$  and  $x_0^* \in X^*$  be such that*

$$c := \rho^*(x_0^*) = \frac{\langle x_0^*, e_0 \rangle}{\rho(e_0)} > 0$$

then

- (i)  $\rho$  is  $\beta$ -differentiable at  $e_0$  and  $x_0^* = c\nabla_\beta \rho(e_0)$ ;
- (ii)  $\forall S \in \beta, \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\rho, e_0, x_0^*, \delta} &:= \{x^* \in X^* : c - \delta < \frac{\langle x^*, e_0 \rangle}{\rho(e_0)} \leq \rho^*(x^*) < c + \delta\} \\ &\subset x_0^* + D_{S, \varepsilon}. \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 1.** *Let the unit ball  $B^*$  of the Banach space  $(X^*, weak^*)$  admit a strategy  $\omega_1$  for  $\Omega$ , such that  $\bigcap_{n \geq 1} A_n = \emptyset$  or  $\bigcap_{n \geq 1} A_n = \{x^*\}$  and for every  $\tau_\beta$ -neighborhood  $U$  of  $x^*$ , there exists a positive integer  $k$  with  $B_k \subset U$ . Then the whole space  $X^*$  also admits such a strategy.*

**Proof.** This statement is analogous to Proposition 2.1. from [8], and the proof follows the same idea.

As the space  $B^*$  admits a strategy  $\omega_1$  with the mentioned property, the space  $nB^*$  also does. Denote the latter strategy  $\omega_n$ . Now we construct a strategy  $\omega$  for the whole space. Let  $A_1 \neq \emptyset$  be the first choice of  $\Sigma$ . If  $A_1 \setminus B^* \neq \emptyset$ , put  $\omega(A_1) = A_1 \setminus B^*$  (this is a relatively *weak\** open subset of  $A_1$ ). Otherwise, if  $A_1 \subset B^*$ , then further follow the strategy  $\omega_1$ . In general, let  $A_n$  be the  $n$ -th move of  $\Sigma$ . If  $A_n \setminus nB^* \neq \emptyset$ , put  $\omega(A_1, B_1, \dots, A_n) = A_n \setminus nB^*$ . Otherwise, if  $A_n \subset nB^*$ , then find the least  $k$  for which  $A_k \subset kB^*$  and follow the strategy  $\omega_k$ .

For every play according to the strategy  $\omega$  we have one of the following two alternatives: either (a)  $B_n = A_n \setminus nB^* \neq \emptyset$  for all  $n \geq 1$  (in this case  $\bigcap_{n \geq 1} B_n \subset \bigcap_{n \geq 1} (X^* \setminus nB^*) = \emptyset$ ), or (b) for some positive integer  $k$  we get  $A_k \subset kB^*$  and after that follow the strategy  $\omega_k$ . But then, by the initial remark,  $\bigcap_{n \geq k} A_n = \emptyset$  or  $\bigcap_{n \geq k} A_n = \{x^*\}$  and for every  $\tau_\beta$ -neighborhood  $U$  of  $x^*$ , there exists an integer  $m \geq k$  with  $B_m \subset U$ . Thus  $\omega$  has the desired property.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.** *Let the Banach space  $X$  satisfy  $(H_\beta)$ . Then  $(X^*, weak^*)$  is fragmentable by a metric  $d$ , such that the topology it generates is stronger than the  $\tau_\beta$ -topology on  $X^*$ .*

**Proof.** We shall find a winning strategy  $\omega$  for the player  $\Omega$  in the fragmenting game  $G$  with the additional property from Theorem 2, i.e.  $\bigcap_{n \geq 1} A_n = \emptyset$  or  $\bigcap_{n \geq 1} A_n = \{x^*\}$  and for every  $\tau_\beta$ -neighborhood  $x^* + D_{S,\varepsilon}$  of  $x^*$ , there exists a positive integer  $k$  with  $B_k \subset x^* + D_{S,\varepsilon}$ . According to the last Lemma, it suffices to find such a strategy in  $B^*$  rather than in  $X^*$ . The frame of the proof anyway follows the idea from Theorem 1 in [10].

Let  $A_1 \subset B^*$  be the first move of the player  $\Sigma$ . Put  $s_0 = \sup\{\rho_0^*(x^*) : x^* \in A_1\}$ . According to Proposition 4,  $\exists \varepsilon_0 \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$\forall x^* \in X^*, (1 - \varepsilon_0)\|x^*\| \leq \rho^*(x^*) \leq \|x^*\|.$$

Therefore  $s_0 < +\infty$ . If  $s_0 = 0$  then  $A_1$  contains only one point the strategy is trivial (both the players have no choice in their moves and  $\Omega$  wins). Let  $s_0 > 0$ .

Then there exist  $x^+ \in A_1$  and  $e_1 \in X$ , such that  $\langle x^+, e_1 \rangle > \rho_0(e_1)(1 - \varepsilon_0)s_0$ . We put  $B_1 = \{x^* \in A_1 : \langle x^*, e_1 \rangle > \rho_0(e_1)(1 - \varepsilon_0)s_0\} \ni x^+$ . Then  $B_1 = \omega(A_1)$  is a relatively *weak\** open subset of  $A_1$ .

Now let  $\Sigma$  play some  $A_2 \subset B_1$ . Put

$$D_1 = \{e \in X : \sup_{x^* \in A_2} \langle x^*, e \rangle \geq \rho_0(e)(1 - \varepsilon_0)s_0\}.$$

We have  $e_1 \in D_1$  because  $A_2 \subset B_1$ . As  $A_2$  is bounded,  $x \mapsto \sup_{x^* \in A_2} \langle x^*, x \rangle$  is continuous and therefore  $D_1$  is closed. Put  $\rho_1(x) = \rho_0(x) + \mu_1(x - e_1)$ , where  $\mu_1$  is as in Proposition 3. Let  $s_1 = \sup\{\rho_1^*(x^*) : x^* \in A_2\}$ . Then  $\forall x^* \in A_2 \subset A_1$ , one has

$$(1 - \varepsilon_0)s_0 < \frac{\langle x^*, e_1 \rangle}{\rho_0(e_1)} = \frac{\langle x^*, e_1 \rangle}{\rho_1(e_1)} \leq s_1 \leq s_0.$$

Let  $\varepsilon_1 \in (0, (1 - \varepsilon_0)^2/2^2)$  be such that  $(1 - \varepsilon_0)s_0 < (1 - \varepsilon_1)s_1$ . Then  $\exists x^+ \in A_2, \exists e_2 \in X$ , such that  $\langle x^+, e_2 \rangle > \rho_1(e_2)(1 - \varepsilon_1)s_1$ . Now let  $\Omega$  play  $B_2 = \{x^* \in A_2 : \langle x^*, e_2 \rangle > \rho_1(e_2)(1 - \varepsilon_1)s_1\} \ni x^+$ . Then  $B_2 = \omega(A_1, B_1, A_2)$  is a relatively *weak\** open subset of  $A_2$ .

In general, after  $\Sigma$  plays some  $A_{n+1} \subset B_n$ , put

$$D_n = \{e \in X : \sup_{x^* \in A_{n+1}} \langle x^*, e \rangle \geq \rho_{n-1}(e)(1 - \varepsilon_{n-1})s_{n-1}\} \subset D_{n-1}.$$

We have  $e_n \in D_n$  because  $A_{n+1} \subset B_n$ . Like before,  $D_n$  is closed. Put  $\rho_n(x) = \rho_{n-1}(x) + \mu_{n-1}(x - e_n)$ , where  $\mu_{n-1}$  is as in Proposition 3. Let  $s_n = \sup\{\rho_n^*(x^*) : x^* \in A_{n+1}\}$ . Then for every  $x^* \in A_{n+1} \subset A_n$ , one has

$$(1 - \varepsilon_{n-1})s_{n-1} < \frac{\langle x^*, e_n \rangle}{\rho_{n-1}(e_n)} = \frac{\langle x^*, e_n \rangle}{\rho_n(e_n)} \leq s_n \leq s_{n-1}.$$

Let  $\varepsilon_n \in (0, (1 - \varepsilon_0)^2/2^{n+1})$  be such that  $(1 - \varepsilon_{n-1})s_{n-1} < (1 - \varepsilon_n)s_n$ . Then  $\exists x^+ \in A_{n+1}, \exists e_{n+1} \in X$ , such that  $\langle x^+, e_{n+1} \rangle > \rho_n(e_{n+1})(1 - \varepsilon_n)s_n$ . Now let  $\Omega$  play  $B_{n+1} = \{x^* \in A_{n+1} : \langle x^*, e_{n+1} \rangle > \rho_n(e_{n+1})(1 - \varepsilon_n)s_n\} \ni x^+$ . Then  $B_{n+1} = \omega(A_1, B_1, A_2, \dots, A_{n+1})$  is a relatively *weak\** open subset of  $A_{n+1}$ .

If  $x_n \in D_{n+1}$ , then

$$\frac{\sup_{x^* \in A_{n+2}} \langle x^*, x_n \rangle}{\rho_n(x_n)} \geq (1 - \varepsilon_n)s_n > (1 - \varepsilon_{n-1})s_{n-1},$$

so

$$\exists x_n^* \in A_{n+2} : \frac{\langle x_n^*, x_n \rangle}{\rho_n(x_n)} > (1 - \varepsilon_{n-1})s_{n-1},$$

that is,

$$(1) \quad \frac{\langle x_n^*, x_n \rangle}{(1 - \varepsilon_{n-1})s_{n-1}} > \rho_n(x_n) = \rho_{n-1}(x_n) + \mu_n(x_n - e_n).$$

But  $x_n^* \in A_{n+2} \subset A_{n+1}$ , so

$$(2) \quad \frac{\langle x_n^*, x_n \rangle}{\rho_{n-1}(x_n)} \leq s_{n-1}, \text{ i.e. } \frac{\langle x_n^*, x_n \rangle}{s_{n-1}} \leq \rho_{n-1}(x_n).$$

Of course,  $\|x_n\| < 1$  (otherwise  $\rho_{n-1}(x_n) = +\infty$ , which would contradict (1)). Then

$$(3) \quad \langle x_n^*, x_n \rangle \leq \|x_n^*\| \leq \frac{\rho_0^*(x_n^*)}{1 - \varepsilon_0} \leq \frac{s_0}{1 - \varepsilon_0}.$$

By (1),(2) and (3) we get

$$(4) \quad \begin{aligned} \mu_n(x_n - e_n) &\leq \frac{\langle x_n^*, x_n \rangle}{(1 - \varepsilon_{n-1})s_{n-1}} - \frac{\langle x_n^*, x_n \rangle}{s_{n-1}} \\ &= \frac{\varepsilon_{n-1}\langle x_n^*, x_n \rangle}{(1 - \varepsilon_{n-1})s_{n-1}} \leq \frac{\varepsilon_{n-1}s_0}{(1 - \varepsilon_{n-1})s_{n-1}(1 - \varepsilon_0)} \end{aligned}$$

But  $(1 - \varepsilon_0)s_0 < (1 - \varepsilon_{n-1})s_{n-1}$ , so

$$\frac{s_0}{(1 - \varepsilon_{n-1})s_{n-1}} < (1 - \varepsilon_0)^{-1}$$

and from (4) we get

$$\mu_n(x_n - e_n) < \frac{\varepsilon_{n-1}}{(1 - \varepsilon_0)^2} < 2^{-n},$$

so  $\|x_n - e_n\| < n^{-1}$  by the definition of  $\mu_n$ . Thus the diameters of the (closed) sets in the nested sequence  $\{D_n\}$  tend to 0, so let  $\bigcap_{n=1}^\infty D_n = \{e_\infty\}$ .

Now let  $y_\infty^* \in \bigcap_{n \geq 1} B_n$ . As  $y_\infty^* \in B_{n+1}$ , we have

$$(5) \quad \langle y_\infty^*, e_{n+1} \rangle \geq \rho_n(e_{n+1})(1 - \varepsilon_n)s_n.$$



The sequence  $\{s_n\}$  of positive reals is monotonely non-increasing, so let  $s_\infty$  be its limit. By Proposition 3,

$$\rho_\infty(x) = \rho_0(x) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu_k(x - e_k)$$

is a  $\beta$ -well function on  $X$ , and  $\rho_n \rightarrow \rho_\infty$  uniformly on the unit ball of  $X$ . Passing to limit in (5), we get

$$(6) \quad \langle y_\infty^*, e_\infty \rangle \geq \rho_\infty(e_\infty) s_\infty.$$

But as for every integer  $n \geq 1$  we have  $\rho_\infty \geq \rho_n$ ,

$$\frac{\langle y_\infty^*, e_\infty \rangle}{\rho_\infty(e_\infty)} \leq \rho_\infty^*(y_\infty^*) \leq \rho_n^*(y_\infty^*) \leq s_n.$$

We let  $n \rightarrow \infty$  to get  $\frac{\langle y_\infty^*, e_\infty \rangle}{\rho_\infty(e_\infty)} \leq s_\infty$  and having in mind (6) we conclude that

$$\frac{\langle y_\infty^*, e_\infty \rangle}{\rho_\infty(e_\infty)} = s_\infty$$

and  $\rho_\infty^*(y_\infty^*) = s_\infty$ . By Proposition 5(i) we get

$$y_\infty^* = s_\infty \cdot \nabla_{\beta} \rho_\infty(e_\infty), \text{ so } \left| \bigcap_{n \geq 1} B_n \right| = 1$$

Now let  $\delta > 0$  be given. There exists an integer  $N$  such that for  $n > N$  one has  $s_n < s_\infty + \delta$ . Then

$$(7) \quad \forall y^* \in B_{n+1} \subset A_{n+1}, \rho_\infty^*(y^*) \leq \rho_n^*(y^*) \leq s_n \leq s_\infty + \delta.$$

By the definition of  $B_{n+1}$  we have

$$(8) \quad \forall y^* \in B_{n+1}, \frac{\langle y^*, e_{n+1} \rangle}{\rho_n(e_{n+1})} > (1 - \varepsilon_n) s_n.$$

By  $\rho_\infty(e_\infty) < \infty$  we have  $\|e_\infty\| < 1$ , so

$$\left| \frac{\langle y^*, e_\infty \rangle}{\rho_\infty(e_\infty)} - \frac{\langle y^*, e_{n+1} \rangle}{\rho_n(e_{n+1})} \right| \leq \left| \frac{\langle y^*, e_\infty \rangle}{\rho_\infty(e_\infty)} - \frac{\langle y^*, e_\infty \rangle}{\rho_n(e_{n+1})} \right| + \left| \frac{\langle y^*, e_\infty \rangle}{\rho_n(e_{n+1})} - \frac{\langle y^*, e_{n+1} \rangle}{\rho_n(e_{n+1})} \right|$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \left| \langle y^*, e_\infty \rangle \left( \frac{1}{\rho_\infty(e_\infty)} - \frac{1}{\rho_n(e_{n+1})} \right) \right| + \left| \frac{\langle y^*, e_\infty - e_{n+1} \rangle}{\rho_n(e_{n+1})} \right| \\ &\leq \|y^*\| \cdot \left( \left| \frac{1}{\rho_\infty(e_\infty)} - \frac{1}{\rho_n(e_{n+1})} \right| + \|e_\infty - e_{n+1}\| \right) \\ &\leq \frac{s_0}{1 - \varepsilon_0} \cdot \left( \left| \frac{1}{\rho_\infty(e_\infty)} - \frac{1}{\rho_n(e_{n+1})} \right| + \|e_\infty - e_{n+1}\| \right) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0. \end{aligned}$$

And by (8) we get (after choosing  $n$  large enough) that

$$(9) \quad \frac{\langle y^*, e_\infty \rangle}{\rho_\infty(e_\infty)} \geq s_\infty - \delta.$$

By (7), (9) and Proposition 5 (ii) we conclude that for any  $D_{S,\varepsilon}$  from the  $\tau_\beta$ -base  $B_{n+1} \subset y_\infty^* + D_{S,\varepsilon}$ , for  $n$  sufficiently large, provided that  $\delta$  is chosen in the manner required in Proposition 5(ii). This fact, Theorem 2 and Lemma 1 show that  $(X^*, weak^*)$  is fragmentable by a metric  $d$ , such that the topology it generates is stronger than the  $\tau_\beta$ -topology on  $X^*$ . This finishes the proof.  $\square$

In [9] it is shown that if  $X^*$  admits an equivalent (not necessarily dual) Gâteaux-smooth norm, then  $X$  is sigma-fragmentable. Here we get the following (possibly stronger) result:

**Corollary 1.** *If  $X^*$  has a Lipschitz Gâteaux-smooth bump, then  $X$  is sigma-fragmentable.*

**Proof.** The last theorem shows that under the given condition,  $(X^{**}, weak^*)$  is fragmented by a metric, such that the topology it generates is stronger than the  $\tau_G$ -topology, that is, than the  $weak^*$  topology. Taking into account the canonical embedding of  $(X, weak)$  into  $(X^{**}, weak^*)$  we conclude that  $(X, weak)$  is fragmented by a metric whose topology is stronger than the weak topology on  $X$ . By Theorem 1.4 from [8] this means that  $X$  is sigma-fragmentable.  $\square$

**Remark.** Of course, the existence of an equivalent Gâteaux-smooth norm implies the existence of a Lipschitz Gâteaux-smooth bump. In view of a known example from [4], the hypothesis in the corresponding result from [9] is

stronger than ours in arbitrary Banach space setting, but we don't know whether it's different for dual Banach spaces.

We now show that indeed Theorem 1 from [10] and its generalisation Theorem 2 [10] are corollaries of the last theorem. We remind that a map  $F : Z \rightarrow 2^Y$ , where  $Z, Y$  are Hausdorff spaces, is called an *usco map* if it is nonempty compact valued and upper semicontinuous. Such a map is called a *minimal usco map*, if it is minimal with respect to the inclusion of the graphs among all usco maps with the same domain. When  $Y = (X^*, w^*)$  for some Banach space  $X$ , we call  $F$  *w\* - usco* (correspondingly, *minimal w\* - usco*). If  $F$  is also convex-valued, it is called *convex w\* - usco*, and such a map which is minimal w.r.t the inclusion is called a *minimal convex w\* - usco*.

We need the following lemma.

**Lemma 2** ([13, Proposition 2.5.]). *Let  $F : Z \rightarrow 2^Y$  be a minimal usco map on the Baire space  $Z$ . Let  $Y$  be a Hausdorff space, fragmented by a metric  $d$ . Then there exists a dense  $G_\delta$  subset  $D$  of  $Z$  such that  $F$  is single-valued and  $d$ -upper semicontinuous at every  $z \in D$ .*

**Lemma 3** ([11, Lemma 7.12]). *Let  $T : Z \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  be a  $w^*$ -usco map on the Hausdorff space  $Z$ . For  $z \in Z$ , define  $\overline{co}T(z)$  to be the weak\* closed convex hull of  $T(z)$ . Then the map  $\overline{co}T$  is convex  $w^*$ -usco.*

**Corollary 2** ([10, Theorem 2]). *If  $X$  satisfies  $(H_\beta)$ ,  $Z$  is a Baire space and  $F : Z \rightarrow 2^{X^*}$  is a minimal convex  $w^*$ -usco map, then  $F$  is single-valued and  $\tau_\beta$ -upper semicontinuous in all the points of some dense  $G_\delta$  subset  $D$  of  $Z$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $T$  be a minimal  $w^*$ -usco map contained in  $F$  (for the existence of such  $T$  see [11, Proposition 7.3]). By Theorem 3,  $X^*$  is fragmentable by a metric  $d$ , which generates a topology stronger than the  $\tau_\beta$ -topology on  $X^*$ . By the Lemma 2,  $T$  is single-valued and  $d$ -upper semicontinuous in all the points of some dense  $G_\delta$  subset  $D$  of  $Z$ . But as the  $d$ -topology is stronger than the  $\tau_\beta$ -topology,  $T$  is also  $\tau_\beta$ -upper semicontinuous in the points of  $D$ . By Lemma 3,  $\overline{co}T$  is convex  $w^*$ -usco, and the minimality of  $F$  implies  $\overline{co}T = F$ . Of course,  $F$  is single-valued in the points of  $D$ , and we now see that it is  $\tau_\beta$ -upper semicontinuous there. Let  $W$  be some  $\tau_\beta$ -open set containing  $F(z_0)$  for some  $z_0 \in D$ . Take some  $S \in \beta, \varepsilon > 0$ , such that for the basic  $\tau_\beta$ -open (convex) set

$$U = D_{S, \varepsilon} = \{x^* \in X^* : \forall x \in S, \langle x^*, x \rangle < \varepsilon\}$$

we have  $F(z_0) + 2U \subset W$ . Now  $T$  is  $\tau_\beta$ -upper semicontinuous in  $z_0$ , so let  $V \ni z_0$  be open neighborhood with  $T(V) \subset T(z_0) + U$ . Then for every  $z \in V$ , we have

$$F(z) = \overline{c\partial}T(z) \subset \overline{c\partial}(T(z_0)+U) \subset \overline{\overline{c\partial}T(z_0) + U} \subset \overline{c\partial}T(z_0)+2U = F(z_0)+2U \subset W.$$

Thus  $F$  is  $\tau_\beta$ -upper semicontinuous in the points of  $D$ .  $\square$

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