Some questions about Lipschitz-free spaces

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Let M be a metric space equipped with a distinguished point 0, and let $Lip_0(M)$ be the Banach space of real-valued Lipschitz functions on M which vanish at 0. This space is isometric to the dual space of the closed linear span of all Dirac measures. This predual $\mathcal{F}(M)$ is called the free space over M, and enjoys nice functorial properties: in particular, Lipschitz functions between metric spaces extend to linear operators between the corresponding free spaces. We have therefore a functor from the structured world of metric spaces to Banach spaces, and it is useful to investigate how the properties of M transfer to properties of the free spaces. We will display some results along these lines and present some open questions, related for instance with Grothendieck's approximation properties.