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Chapter I

Preliminaries

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I.1 General topology

Definition I.1. Let X be a non-empty set. A class τ of subsets is a topology on X iff τ satisfies the following axioms

- (1) X and $\emptyset$ belong to τ .
- (2) The union of any number of sets in τ belongs to τ .
- (3) The intersection of any two sets in τ belongs to τ .

The members of τ are then called τ -open sets, or simply open sets, and X together with τ i.e the pair (X, τ) is called a topological space.

Example I.1. 1. Consider the following classes of subsets of

$$X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$$

and

$$\tau_1 = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d, e\}\}$$

$$\tau_2 = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d\}\}.$$

Observe that τ_1 is a topology but τ_2 is not a topology on X .

- 2. Let X be a set. The collection $\{\emptyset, X\}$ is a topology called the in-discrete topology.
- 3. Let X be a set. The collection $P(X)$ of all sets of X is a topology called discrete topology.
- 4. Let X be a set. Let τ be the collection of all subsets of $U \subset X$ such that X/U is finite or equal to X . Then τ is a topology on X called the finite complement topology.

I.1.1 Subspace

Let A be a nonempty subset of a topological space (X, τ) . The class τ_A of all intersection of A with τ -open subsets of X is a topology on A it is called the subspace topology or topology inherited from X .

Example I.2. 1. Consider the topology

$$\tau_1 = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d, e\}, \{a, b, e\}, \{b, e\}\}$$

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on

$$X = \{a, b, c, d, e\},$$

and the subset $A = \{a, d\}$. The subspace topology is

$$\tau_A = \{\emptyset, A, \{a\}, \{d\}\}.$$

2. Consider $[0, 1]$ as a subspace of $\mathbb{R}$, the set $\left[0, \frac{1}{3}\right[$ is open in $[0, 1]$ because we can write

$$\left[0, \frac{1}{3}\right[= [0, 1] \cap \left]-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right[.$$

Of course $\left[0, \frac{1}{3}\right[$ is not open in $\mathbb{R}$.

I.1.2 Comparison of topologies

Definition I.2. Let τ and τ' be two topologies on a set X . If $\tau \subset \tau'$, we say that τ' is finer or strong than τ . We also say that τ is coarser or weaker than τ' . We say that τ and τ' are comparable if either $\tau \subset \tau'$ or $\tau' \subset \tau$.

Example I.3. Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ and consider the following topologies

$$\tau_1 = \{\emptyset, X, a, a, b\},$$

$$\tau_2 = \{\emptyset, X, a, b, a, b\},$$

and

$$\tau_3 = \{\emptyset, X, a, c, a, c\}.$$

Then τ_2 is finer than τ_1 . However τ_1 and τ_3 are not comparable.

Proposition I.1. Let X be a set, and let τ and τ' be two topologies on X such that $\tau \subseteq \tau'$, $K \subseteq X$, (x_n) be a sequence in X and $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function. Then, the following statements hold

1. If K is compact with respect to τ' , then K is compact for τ . In the other word, a weaker topology has more compact sets.
2. If K is connected with respect to τ' , then K is connected for τ . In the other terms, a weaker topology has more connected sets.
3. If (x_n) is convergent for τ' , then (x_n) is convergent for τ . Otherwise stated, a weaker topology has more convergent sequences.
4. If f is continuous for τ , then f is continuous for τ' . In other words, a weaker topology has fewer continuous functions.

The concepts of compactness, connectedness, convergence, and continuity play a crucial role in modern analysis, as they underpin numerous existence theorems.

I.1.3 Base for the topology

Let (X, τ) be a topological space. A class $\mathcal{B}$ of open subsets of X , i.e. $\mathcal{B} \subset \tau$, is a base for the topology τ iff every open set $G \in \tau$ is the union of members of $\mathcal{B}$. Equivalently, the elements of $\mathcal{B}$ serve as the building blocks for constructing the topology.

I.1.4 Closed sets and related concepts

In topology, a closed set is the complement of an open set. More formally, if X is a topological space and $A \subseteq X$, then A is closed if its complement, $X \setminus A$, is open in X . A limit point of a set $A \subseteq X$ is a point $x \in X$ such that every open neighborhood of x contains at least one point of A different from x itself. The closure of a set A , denoted $\overline{A}$, is the smallest closed set that contains A . It consists of all the points in A , along with any limit points of A .

Examples

1. In $\mathbb{R}$ with the standard topology, any closed interval $[a, b]$, the whole space and the empty set are closed.
2. In a discrete topology (where every subset is open), every set is both open and closed.
3. In $\mathbb{R}$, the set of integers $\mathbb{Z}$ is closed because its complement, $\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Z}$, is open.

I.1.5 Convergent sequences

A sequence $(a_1, a_2, \dots)$ of points in a topological space X converges to a point $b \in X$ if and only if, for every open set G containing b , there exists a positive integer $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for all $n > n_0$, we have $a_n \in G$. This concept is fundamental in analysis and is key to understanding continuity, limits, and various other topics in mathematics.

I.2 Vector space

A **vector space**, also known as a **linear space**, is a core concept in linear algebra. It is defined over a field $\mathbb{K}$ (commonly $\mathbb{R}$ or $\mathbb{C}$) and follows a set

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of essential properties. Below is an overview of the key principles associated with vector spaces.

Definition I.3. A *vector space* (or *linear space*) over a field $\mathbb{K}$ is a set V equipped with:

- **Vector addition:** $+: V \times V \rightarrow V$, satisfying:
 - Commutativity: $u + v = v + u$,
 - Associativity: $(u + v) + w = u + (v + w)$,
 - Additive identity: $\exists 0 \in V, u + 0 = u$,
 - Additive inverse: $\forall u \in V, \exists -u \in V, u + (-u) = 0$.
- **Scalar multiplication:** $\cdot: \mathbb{K} \times V \rightarrow V$, satisfying:
 - Distributivity over vector addition: $a \cdot (u + v) = a \cdot u + a \cdot v$,
 - Distributivity over scalar addition: $(a + b) \cdot u = a \cdot u + b \cdot u$,
 - Associativity: $(a \cdot b) \cdot u = a \cdot (b \cdot u)$,
 - Multiplicative identity: $1 \cdot u = u$ (1 is the identity in $\mathbb{K}$).

Example I.4. • **Vector Space on $\mathbb{R}^2$.**

Consider the set $\mathbb{R}^2$, which consists of all ordered pairs of real numbers: $\mathbb{R}^2 = \{(x, y) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$. The set $\mathbb{R}^2$ is a vector space over the field $\mathbb{R}$ with the following operations:

- **Vector addition:** Given two vectors $u = (x_1, y_1)$ and $v = (x_2, y_2)$, their sum is defined as: $u + v = (x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2)$
- **Scalar multiplication:** For any scalar $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ and vector $u = (x, y)$, the scalar multiple is: $\alpha \cdot u = (\alpha x, \alpha y)$
- **Vector Space of Polynomials.**

Let $P_n(\mathbb{R})$ be the set of all polynomials with real coefficients of degree at most n . The set

$$P_n(\mathbb{R}) = \{p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \cdots + a_nx^n \mid a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

is a vector space over the field $\mathbb{R}$. The operations of vector addition and scalar multiplication are defined as follows:

- **Vector addition:** Given two polynomials $p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \cdots + a_nx^n$ and $q(x) = b_0 + b_1x + \cdots + b_nx^n$, their sum is:

$$(p + q)(x) = (a_0 + b_0) + (a_1 + b_1)x + \cdots + (a_n + b_n)x^n$$

- *Scalar multiplication:* For any scalar $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ and polynomial $p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \cdots + a_nx^n$, the scalar multiplication is:

$$(\alpha p)(x) = \alpha a_0 + \alpha a_1x + \cdots + \alpha a_nx^n$$

- **Vector Space of Real Sequences**

Consider the set ℓ^2 , which consists of all sequences of real numbers that are square-summable, i.e., the set of sequences $(a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots)$ such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_i^2 < \infty.$$

This set is a vector space over $\mathbb{R}$ with the following operations:

- *Vector addition:* Given two sequences $u = (a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots)$ and $v = (b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots)$, their sum is:

$$u + v = (a_1 + b_1, a_2 + b_2, a_3 + b_3, \dots)$$

- *Scalar multiplication:* For any scalar $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ and sequence $u = (a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots)$, the scalar multiplication is:

$$\alpha \cdot u = (\alpha a_1, \alpha a_2, \alpha a_3, \dots)$$

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Definition I.4. Let V denote a linear vector space defined over a field of scalars $\mathbb{R}$ or $\mathbb{C}$. We assume that there exists a real-valued function $\|\cdot\| : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, that satisfies the following conditions:

1. $\|x\| \geq 0$, Positive definiteness.
2. $\|\lambda x\| = |\lambda| \|x\|$, Homogeneity.
3. $\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$, Triangle inequality.
4. $\|x\| = 0$ if and only if $x = 0$.

Such a function is called a norm on the vector space V . A vector space equipped with a norm is said to be a normed linear space or simply a normed space.

Example I.5. 1. The absolute value in $\mathbb{R}$ and the modulus in $\mathbb{C}$ are norms.

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2. *The euclidean space $\mathbb{R}^n$ equipped with the norm*

$$\|x\|_2 = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2}$$

is a normed space.

3. *Space of continuous function $(C[a, b])$ endowed with the supremum norm*

$$\|f\|_\infty = \sup |f(x)|$$

is a normed space.

4. *Sequence space (l_p) , $1 \leq p < +\infty$: The space of infinite sequences $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots)$ such that certain sums involving the components converge equipped with the norm*

$$\|x\|_p = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

is a normed space.

5. *The real function φ defined on $\mathbb{R}^2$ by:*

$$\varphi(x, y) : \mapsto \varphi(x, y) = |x - y|$$

is not a norm because $\varphi(1, 1) = 0$ and $(1, 1) \neq (0, 0)$.

6. *Let $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ be real numbers, and let $N : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by:*

$$N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = a_1|x_1| + a_2|x_2| + \dots + a_n|x_n|.$$

Provide a necessary and sufficient condition on a_k for N to be a norm on $\mathbb{R}^n$.

Solution: *The necessary and sufficient condition on a_k for N to satisfy the properties of a norm is*

$$a_k \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } k = 1, 2, \dots, n, \quad \text{and at least one } a_k > 0.$$

- *The condition $a_k \geq 0$ ensures that $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \geq 0$ for all $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$, and $N(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = 0$ if and only if $x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_n = 0$.*
- *The positivity of a_k guarantees the homogeneity and triangle inequality of N .*

Remark I.1. *1. The closed unit ball in a normed vector space $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ is the set of all vectors in E whose norm is less than or equal to 1. More formally, it is expressed as:*

$$B_E = \{x \in X : \|x\| \leq 1\}.$$

The unit sphere in a normed vector space $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ is the set of all vectors in E whose norm is exactly 1. Formally, it is defined as

$$S(0, 1) = \{x \in X : \|x\| = 1\}.$$

2. In the normed space E , we have for all $x, y \in E$,

$$|\|x\| - \|y\|| \leq \|x \mp y\|.$$

Indeed,

$$\|x\| = \|(x \mp y) \pm y\| \leq \|x \mp y\| + \|y\|,$$

so,

$$\|x\| - \|y\| \leq \|x \mp y\|.$$

By interchanging x and y , we get

$$\|y\| - \|x\| \leq -\|x \pm y\|.$$

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Definition I.5. *Let $(E, \|\cdot\|)$ be a normed space. The real function defined on $\mathbb{R}^2$ by*

$$(x, y) \mapsto d(x, y) = \|x - y\|$$

constitutes a distance on E .

I.3.2 Banach space

This notion of a complete normed space was introduced around 1922 by Stefan Banach.

Definition I.6. *A Banach space is a normed space which is complete i.e., in which every Cauchy sequence is convergent. That is, E is complete as a metric space equipped with the distance associated with its norm.*

Example I.6. *1. $(\mathbb{R}, |\cdot|)$ is a Banach space.*

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2. The space of bounded functions $B(E)$, equipped with the norm $\|\cdot\|_\infty$, is a Banach space.

3. $[C([0, 1], \mathbb{R}), \|\cdot\|_1]$ is not a Banach space.

Indeed, let us define in $E = [C([0, 1], \mathbb{R}), \|\cdot\|_1]$ a sequence $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*}$ by:

$$f_n(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ (x - \frac{1}{2})^{\frac{1}{n}} & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

$(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*}$ is Cauchy sequence.

Moreover, it is clear that the sequence $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*}$ converges pointwise to the function f defined by:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} < x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

Furthermore, this sequence converges to f according to the standard norm $\|\cdot\|_1$ since

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f_n - f\|_1 &= \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 (1 - (x - \frac{1}{2})^{\frac{1}{n}}) dx \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{n}{n+1} \frac{1}{2^{\frac{n+1}{n}}} \right) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

But we find that f is not continuous at $x_0 = \frac{1}{2}$, so E is not a Banach space.

4. Why $C_0([0, 1])$ is not complete? Let $C_0([0, 1])$ denote the space of continuous functions $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $f(0) = 0$, equipped with the supremum norm:

$$\|f\|_\infty = \sup_{x \in [0, 1]} |f(x)|.$$

Now, consider a different sequence of functions $\{g_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ defined by:

$$g_n(x) = x^n.$$

So,

1. Each g_n is continuous on $[0, 1]$.

2. Each g_n satisfies $g_n(0) = 0$, so $g_n \in C_0([0, 1])$.

The pointwise limit of $\{g_n\}$ is:

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \in [0, 1[, \\ 1 & \text{if } x = 1, \end{cases}$$

which is not in $C_0([0, 1])$.

Theorem I.1. *Let E be a normed space, and let $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*}$ be a Cauchy sequence in E . Suppose that there exists a subsequence $(y_p)_{p \in \mathbb{N}^*}$ of (x_n) that converges in E to y , then $y = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$.*

I.3.3 Hilbert Space

A **Hilbert space** is a complete, infinite-dimensional vector space equipped with an inner product. Here are its main properties:

- **Definition** : A Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}$ is a vector space over $\mathbb{R}$ or $\mathbb{C}$ with:
- **Inner product** is a map $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : H \times H \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ satisfying:
 - $\langle x, y \rangle = \overline{\langle y, x \rangle}$
 - $\langle \alpha x + \beta y, z \rangle = \alpha \langle x, z \rangle + \beta \langle y, z \rangle$
 - $\langle x, x \rangle \geq 0$ and $\langle x, x \rangle = 0 \iff x = 0$
- **Completeness** : Every Cauchy sequence converges in $\mathcal{H}$ with respect to the norm induced by the inner product:

$$\|x\| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle}, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{H}.$$

Example I.7. • ℓ^2 -space *The space of square-summable sequences:*

$$\ell^2 = \left\{ (x_n) : \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x_n|^2 < \infty \right\}.$$

- $L^2(\Omega)$ -space: *The space of square-integrable functions:*

$$L^2(\Omega) = \left\{ f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ measurable} \mid \int_{\Omega} |f|^2 < \infty \right\}.$$

Properties:

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- **Orthogonality:** Two elements $x, y \in \mathcal{H}$ are orthogonal if $\langle x, y \rangle = 0$.
- **Orthonormal Basis :** A set $\{e_i\}$ is an orthonormal basis if:

$$\langle e_i, e_j \rangle = \delta_{ij} \quad (\delta_{ij} = 1 \text{ if } i = j, 0 \text{ otherwise}).$$

Every $x \in \mathcal{H}$ admits an expansion $x = \sum_i \langle x, e_i \rangle e_i$.

- **Projection Theorem:** Any vector in $\mathcal{H}$ can be uniquely decomposed as a sum of a vector in a closed subspace and a vector orthogonal to it.

Proposition I.2. *The following chain of strict inclusions holds among complete metric spaces:*

$$\text{Hilbert spaces} \subsetneq \text{Banach spaces} \subsetneq \text{Complete metric spaces}.$$

I.3.4 Finite dimensional normed space

Proposition I.3. *Let E be a finite dimensional normed space, then*

1. *A finite dimensional normed space is isomorphic with $\mathbb{K}^N$ where $N = \dim E$.*
2. *In a finite dimensional normed space, a subset is compact if and only if it is closed and bounded.*
3. *A finite dimensional normed space is a Banach space.*
4. *A finite dimensional normed space is closed in that space.*

Exercise: Show the previous properties.

Theorem I.2. *Let $(E, \|\cdot\|)$ be a normed vector space. Then, the closed unit ball is compact if and only if E is finite-dimensional.*

Proof. See [9].

□

I.4 Exercises

Exercise 1 Let $(X, \mathcal{O})$ be a topological space, and let $A \subseteq X$. Show that:

$$\text{int}_X(X \setminus A) = X \setminus \text{adh}_X(A) \quad \text{and} \quad \text{adh}_X(X \setminus A) = X \setminus \text{int}_X(A).$$

Exercise 2 (Continuity and Discrete Topology) Let X be a non-empty set equipped with the discrete topology $\mathcal{P}(X)$, and let $(Y, \mathcal{O}_Y)$ be a topological space. Show that any function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is $(\mathcal{P}(X), \mathcal{O}_Y)$ -continuous on X .

Exercise 3 Show that B_0 is a closed subspace of $L^2([0, 1])$, where

$$B_0 = \{f \in L^2([0, 1]) : |f| \leq 1 \text{ a. e.}\}.$$

Exercise 4 Let $\mathcal{C}^1([0, 1])$ be the real vector space of functions $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ that are continuously differentiable. We define, for $f \in \mathcal{C}^1([0, 1])$, the norm:

$$\|f\| = \left([f(0)]^2 + \int_0^1 |f'(t)|^2 dt \right)^{1/2}.$$

1. Prove that this defines a norm on $\mathcal{C}^1([0, 1])$.
2. Prove that if the sequence $(f_n)_{n \geq 1}$ converges in this norm, then it converges uniformly on $[0, 1]$.
3. Let $f_n(t) = t^n(1 - t)$ for $n \geq 1$. Compute $\|f_n\|$.

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Let $\alpha \in]0, 1]$. Define

$$T = \{(x, y) \in [0, 1] \times [0, 1] ; x \neq y\}.$$

For any function $f : [0, 1] \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}$, define:

$$p_\alpha(f) = |f(0)| + \sup_{(x,y) \in T} \frac{|f(x) - f(y)|}{|x - y|^\alpha}. \quad (\text{I.5.1})$$

Let $Lip_\alpha = \{f : [0, 1] \longrightarrow \mathbb{C} ; P_\alpha(f) < \infty\}$.

1. Prove that $Lip_\alpha \subset C[0, 1]$.
2. Prove that p_α is a norm on Lip_α and that it satisfies, for any $f \in Lip_\alpha$,

$$\|f\|_\infty \leq P_\alpha(f).$$

3. Prove that Lip_α is complete with respect to this norm.

Solution

- (1) For a fixed function f , we define $k = p_\alpha(f)$. The definition of $p_\alpha(f)$ leads to the inequality

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq k|x - y|^\alpha \quad \text{for all } x, y.$$

This implies the continuity of f .

- (2)
 - Norm value. We need to verify the validity of the norm axioms:
 - (a) For all $f \in Lip_\alpha$, $p_\alpha(f) \in \mathbb{R}^+$; and for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$, $p_\alpha(\lambda f) = |\lambda|p_\alpha(f)$. This is easy to verify.
 - (b) $p_\alpha(f) = 0 \iff f = 0$.

$$p_\alpha(f) = 0 = |f(0)| + \sup \left\{ \frac{|f(x) - f(y)|}{|x - y|^\alpha} : (x, y) \in J \right\}$$

means that $f(0) = 0$ and $\forall (x, y) \in J, |f(x) - f(y)| = 0$
which implies $\forall (x, y) \in J, f(x) = f(y) = f(0) = 0$
and therefore $f = 0$.

$$(c) \quad p_\alpha(f + g) \leq p_\alpha(f) + p_\alpha(g).$$

$$\begin{aligned} p_\alpha(f + g) &\leq |f(0)| + |g(0)| \\ &\quad + \sup \left\{ \frac{|f(x) - f(y)|}{|x - y|^\alpha} : (x, y) \in J \right\} \\ &\quad + \sup \left\{ \frac{|g(x) - g(y)|}{|x - y|^\alpha} : (x, y) \in J \right\} \\ &= p_\alpha(f) + p_\alpha(g). \end{aligned}$$

- $\|f\|_\infty \leq p_\alpha(f)$. For all $f \in \text{Lip}_\alpha$ and $x \in [0, 1]$,

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x)| &\leq |f(0)| + |f(x) - f(0)| \\ &\leq |f(0)| + (p_\alpha(f) - |f(0)|)|x|^\alpha \\ &\leq |f(0)| + (p_\alpha(f) - |f(0)|) = p_\alpha(f). \end{aligned}$$

Taking the supremum over $x \in [0, 1]$, we obtain

$$\|f\|_\infty \leq p_\alpha(f).$$

- (3) Let $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a Cauchy sequence in Lip_α , and $\epsilon > 0$. There exists $N(\epsilon)$ such that for $p, q \geq N(\epsilon)$, $p_\alpha(f_p - f_q) \leq \epsilon$. Since $\|f_p - f_q\|_\infty \leq p_\alpha(f_p - f_q)$, the sequence $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a Cauchy sequence in the complete space $(C([0, 1]), \|\cdot\|_\infty)$, and therefore converges uniformly to a continuous function f . It remains to show that $f \in \text{Lip}_\alpha$ and that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_\alpha(f_n - f) = 0$.

Let $p, q \geq N(\epsilon)$, and $(x, y) \in J$. From (I.5.1), we have

$$|f_p(0) - f_q(0)| + \frac{|f_p(x) - f_p(y) - f_q(x) + f_q(y)|}{|x - y|^\alpha} \leq p_\alpha(f_p - f_q) \leq \epsilon.$$

As $p \geq N(\epsilon)$ is fixed and $q \rightarrow \infty$, we obtain

$$|f_p(0) - f(0)| + \frac{|f_p(x) - f(x) - f_p(y) + f(y)|}{|x - y|^\alpha} \leq \epsilon.$$

Taking the supremum over $(x, y) \in J$, we see that $f_p - f \in \text{Lip}_\alpha$, which is a vector space, so $f \in \text{Lip}_\alpha$. The inequality obtained can then be interpreted as

$$p \geq N(\epsilon) \implies p_\alpha(f_p - f) \leq \epsilon.$$

This completes the proof of the completeness of Lip_α .

Chapter II

Theory of Linear Operators

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II.1 Linear Operator

Definition II.1. A linear operator T is a function that maps elements between two vector spaces V and W (which can be finite or infinite-dimensional). It satisfies two key properties for all vectors, $x \in V$, $y \in W$ and for any scalar α :

1. $T(x + y) = T(x) + T(y)$ (additivity).
2. $T(\alpha x) = \alpha T(x)$ (homogeneity).

Example II.1. 1. **Differentiation Operator** The differentiation operator D , defined on the space of differentiable functions, is linear due to the following property

$$D(\alpha f) + D(\beta g) = \alpha D(f) + \beta D(g),$$

where f and g are functions, and α and β are scalars.

2. **Fourier Transform** The Fourier transform $\mathcal{F}$ is a linear operator, which transforms a function $f(x)$ into its frequency domain representation. It satisfies the property:

$$\mathcal{F}(\alpha f) + \mathcal{F}(\beta g) = \alpha \mathcal{F}(f) + \beta \mathcal{F}(g),$$

where f and g are functions, and α and β are scalars.

3. **Integral Operator** The integral operator, defined from $C[0, 1]$ to $\mathbb{R}$, by:

$$T(f) = \int_0^1 f(x) dx$$

is a linear operator.

Notation

We will denote the set of linear applications of V in W by $L(V, W)$. We just write $L(V)$ if $V = W$.

The set $L(V, W)$ is endowed with a structure of a linear vector space if we define $(T_1 + T_2)(u) = T_1(u) + T_2(u)$ $u \in V$ and $(\alpha T)(u) = \alpha T(u)$ for all $\alpha \in \mathbb{K}$.

Remark II.1. 1. If $W = \mathbb{K}$, T is said to be a linear form on V .

2. The set of linear forms defined on E is denoted by $E^* = L(E, \mathbb{K})$ and we call it **Algebraic dual** of E .

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3. E^* has a $\mathbb{K}$ -vector space structure.

Definition II.2. Let V, W be two vector spaces on $\mathbb{K}$ and $T : V \rightarrow W$. The kernel of the linear operator A is the vector subspace, denoted $\text{Ker}T \subset E$, defined by:

$$\text{Ker}T = \{x \in V; T(x) = 0_W\} = T^{-1}(\{0\}).$$

The image of T , denoted $R(T) \subset W$ or $\text{Im}T$, is defined by:

$$R(T) = \{y = T(x), x \in V\}.$$

Properties

1. T is injective if and only if $\text{Ker}T = \{0_V\}$.
2. T is surjective if and only if $R(T) = W$.

Exercise

Show these properties.

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Definition II.3. An operator $T : V \rightarrow W$ is called a **bounded operator** if it maps bounded sets in V into bounded sets in W .

The following theorem provides a more convenient description of the boundedness of linear operators.

Theorem II.1. [4] Let V and W be normed spaces and let $T : V \rightarrow W$ be a linear operator. T is bounded if and only if there exists a constant K such that

$$\forall x \in V; \|T(x)\|_W \leq K\|x\|_V.$$

Example II.2. 1. Consider the linear functional $\varphi : c_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$$\varphi(u) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{u_n}{2^n},$$

where c_0 is the space of sequences that converge to zero.

- (a). Show that this functional is continuous and calculate its norm.
- (b). Show that $\sup |\varphi(x)|$ is not attained.

Indeed, Since $|u_n|_\infty \leq \|u\|_\infty$ for all $n \geq 1$, we have

$$|\varphi(u)| \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\|u\|_\infty}{2^n} = \|u\|_\infty.$$

Thus, φ is continuous and $\|\varphi\| \leq 1$.

To show that $\|\varphi\| = 1$, consider the element u_k in c_0 defined by

$$(u_k)_n = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } 1 \leq n \leq k, \\ 0 & \text{if } n \geq k+1. \end{cases}$$

We have $\|u_k\|_\infty = 1$ and

$$\varphi(u_k) = \sum_{n=1}^k \frac{1}{2^n} = 1 - \frac{1}{2^k}.$$

Thus, as $k \rightarrow \infty$, we have $\varphi(u_k) \rightarrow 1$, and consequently

$$\sup_{k \geq 1} |\varphi(u_k)| \geq 1.$$

Therefore, $\|\varphi\| = 1$.

The norm is not attained because for any $u \in c_0$ with $\|u\|_\infty = 1$, there exists an integer N such that for all $n \geq N+1$, we have $|u_n| \leq \frac{1}{2}$. Thus, for large N ,

$$|\varphi(u)| \leq \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{2^n} + \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^N}\right) + \frac{1}{2^N} < 1.$$

Hence, the supremum is approached but never attained.

2. Let $C^1[0, 1]$ denote the class of all real-valued continuous functions that are continuously differentiable on $[0, 1]$. Then $C^1[0, 1]$ is a subspace of $C[0, 1]$, which is a Banach space with respect to the supremum norm.

Consider the differential operator

$$T : C^1[0, 1] \rightarrow C[0, 1] \quad \text{defined by} \quad T(f) = f', \quad \text{where } f \in C^1[0, 1].$$

We can easily verify that T is a linear operator, but T is not bounded. To illustrate this, let us consider the sequence of functions $\{f_n\} \subset C^{(1)}[0, 1]$ defined by:

$$f_n(t) = \sin(n\pi t), \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1.$$

Then, the derivative is given by:

$$T(f_n) = f'_n(t) = n\pi \cos(n\pi t), \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1.$$

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- *Supremum norm of f_n :*

$$\|f_n\| = \sup_{0 \leq t \leq 1} |f_n(t)| = \sup_{0 \leq t \leq 1} |\sin(n\pi t)| = 1.$$

- *Supremum norm of $T(f_n)$:*

$$\|T(f_n)\| = \|f'_n\| = \sup_{0 \leq t \leq 1} |n\pi \cos(n\pi t)| = n\pi.$$

3. Let H be a complex, separable, infinite-dimensional Hilbert space. Let (e_n) be an orthonormal basis of H and (λ_n) a sequence of non-zero complex numbers. We define two operators A and B on H by

$$Ax = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n \langle x, e_n \rangle e_n \quad \text{and} \quad Bx = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n^{-1} \langle x, e_n \rangle e_n, \quad \text{for all } x \in H.$$

1. Show that $A \in \mathcal{L}(H)$ if and only if (λ_n) is bounded.
2. Assume that (λ_n) is bounded and $\inf_n |\lambda_n| > 0$.
 - (a) Find $\|A\|$.
 - (b) Show that $B \in \mathcal{L}(H)$ and compute Ae_n and Be_n for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Solution

1. Proof: $A \in \mathcal{L}(H)$ if and only if (λ_n) is bounded.

Recall

(a) $\mathcal{L}(H) := \mathcal{L}(H, H)$ is the space of bounded linear operators from H to H .

(b) (e_n) is an orthonormal basis of H , which means

i. (e_n) is orthonormal: For all n and k , $\langle e_n, e_n \rangle = 1$ and $\langle e_n, e_k \rangle = 0$ for $k \neq n$.

ii. (e_n) is total (see the definition).

i. Assume $A \in \mathcal{L}(H)$ and show that (λ_n) is bounded:

Let $n \geq 1$ (fixed). Since $Ax = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \lambda_k \langle x, e_k \rangle e_k$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \|Ae_n\| &= \left\| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \lambda_k \langle e_n, e_k \rangle e_k \right\| \\ &= \left\| \lambda_n \langle e_n, e_n \rangle e_n + \sum_{k=1, k \neq n}^{\infty} \lambda_k \langle e_n, e_k \rangle e_k \right\|. \end{aligned}$$

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Using $\langle e_n, e_n \rangle = 1$ and $\langle e_n, e_k \rangle = 0$ for all $k \neq n$, we get

$$\|Ae_n\| = \|\lambda_n e_n\| = |\lambda_n| \|e_n\| = |\lambda_n|,$$

since $\|e_n\| = \sqrt{\langle e_n, e_n \rangle} = 1$.

Moreover, as $A \in \mathcal{L}(H)$, we have $\|Ae_n\| \leq \|A\| \|e_n\| = \|A\|$. Thus, $|\lambda_n| = \|Ae_n\| \leq \|A\|$. This shows that (λ_n) is bounded by $\|A\|$.

ii. Assume (λ_n) is bounded and show that $A \in \mathcal{L}(H)$:

(a) Since (λ_n) is bounded, let $M = \sup_n |\lambda_n| < \infty$. Recall that if (e_n) is an orthonormal sequence in a Hilbert space H , then the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n e_n$ converges if and only if $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |c_n|^2$ converges. Furthermore, we have

$$\left\| \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n e_n \right\|^2 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |c_n|^2. \quad (1^*)$$

(b) A is well-defined: We need to show that $Ax = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n \langle x, e_n \rangle e_n$ converges for $x \in H$. That is, the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n \langle x, e_n \rangle e_n$ is convergent. For this, it suffices to show that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\lambda_n \langle x, e_n \rangle|^2$ converges. For all k , we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^k |\lambda_n \langle x, e_n \rangle|^2 = \sum_{n=1}^k |\lambda_n|^2 |\langle x, e_n \rangle|^2 \leq M^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\langle x, e_n \rangle|^2,$$

where (e_n) is an orthonormal basis of H . By Parseval's identity, $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\langle x, e_n \rangle|^2 = \|x\|^2$. Thus,

$$\sum_{n=1}^k |\lambda_n \langle x, e_n \rangle|^2 \leq M^2 \|x\|^2. \quad (2^*)$$

This implies that the sequence $\left(\sum_{n=1}^k |\lambda_n \langle x, e_n \rangle|^2 \right)_k$ is bounded and hence convergent.

(c) A is linear and bounded: The linearity of A is immediate

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from its definition. To show boundedness, note that,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|Ax\|^2 &= \left\| \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n \langle x, e_n \rangle e_n \right\|^2 \\
 &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\lambda_n|^2 |\langle x, e_n \rangle|^2 \\
 &\leq M^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\langle x, e_n \rangle|^2 \\
 &= M^2 \|x\|^2, \text{ for any } x \in H.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $\|A\| \leq M < \infty$, so $A \in \mathcal{L}(H)$.

The Bounded Linear Operator Theorem establishes a relationship between a linear operator's boundedness and continuity. It says:

Theorem II.2. [4] Let $(E, \|\cdot\|)$, $(F, \|\cdot\|)$ and be two normed spaces, and let $T \in L(V, W)$. T is continuous if and only if it is bounded.

Proof. **1.** The condition is necessary: Since T is continuous, in particular at zero,

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \rho > 0 \quad \|x\| < \rho \Rightarrow \|T(x)\| < \epsilon.$$

Let us set $\epsilon = 1$ and let us define, for all $x \neq 0$, $z = \frac{\rho}{2\|x\|}x$.

We have $\|z\| = \frac{\rho}{2} < \rho$, so,

$$T\left(\frac{\rho}{2\|x\|}x\right) < 1 \Rightarrow \frac{\rho}{2\|x\|}\|T(x)\| < 1 \Rightarrow \|T(x)\| < \frac{2}{\rho}\|x\|.$$

Hence, T is bounded.

2. The condition is sufficient. For all $x, y \in E$, we obtain

$$\|T(x) - T(y)\| = \|T(x - y)\| \leq C\|x - y\|.$$

Therefore, T is Lipschitz continuous.

□

Below are key properties of bounded linear operators:

Lemma II.1. [4] *Let $T \in L(V, W)$. The following assertions are equivalent:*

1. T is continuous on V .
2. T is continuous at zero.
3. T is uniformly continuous.

Proof. 1. $1 \Rightarrow 2$: Obvious.

2. $2 \Rightarrow 3$: The fact that T is continuous at zero implies that

$$\forall x \in E; \quad \|A(x)\| \leq C\|x\|.$$

This yields

$$\forall x, y \in E; \quad \|A(x) - A(y)\| \leq \|A(x - y)\| \leq C\|x - y\|,$$

Thus, T is uniformly continuous..

3. $3 \Rightarrow 1$: Trivial.

□

Notations

1. The set of bounded linear operators from V to W is a vector subspace of $L(E, F)$, and is denoted by $\mathcal{L}(E, F)$.
2. Similarly, the linear functionals on V form a subspace of the algebraic dual space V^* . This subspace is denoted by V' and is called the topological dual of E .
3. Finally, note that if $V = W$, then $\mathcal{L}(V, W) = \mathcal{L}(E)$.

Theorem II.3. *The map $\|\cdot\| : \mathcal{L}(E, F) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by*

$$\begin{aligned} \|A\| &= \sup \{ \|A(x)\|; x \in E \text{ and } \|x\| \leq 1 \} \\ &= \sup_{\|x\| \leq 1} \|A(x)\| \end{aligned}$$

is a norm on $\mathcal{L}(E, F)$

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Proof. 1. For $A \in \mathcal{L}(E, F)$, $\|A\| \geq 0$.

If $\|A\| = 0$, then $Ax = 0$, for all $x \in E$. Indeed, for $x \neq 0$,
 $\|A(x)\| = \|x\| \left\| A\left(\frac{x}{\|x\|}\right) \right\|$, so $A(x) = 0$ on E , hence $A = 0$.

2. For all $\lambda \in \mathbb{K}$, $\|\lambda A\| = |\lambda| \|A\|$, since

$$\|\lambda A\| = \sup_{\|x\| \leq 1} \|\lambda A(x)\| = |\lambda| \sup_{\|x\| \leq 1} \|A(x)\| = |\lambda| \|A\|.$$

3. For all $x \in E$, such that $\|x\| \leq 1$, it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} \|(A+B)(x)\| &= \|A(x) + B(x)\| \\ &\leq \|A(x)\| + \|B(x)\| \\ &\leq \|A\| + \|B\|. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\|A+B\| \leq \|A\| + \|B\|$.

□

Proposition II.1. *Let T be a bounded linear operator. Then, we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \|A\| &= \sup_{\|x\| \leq 1} \|A(x)\| = \sup_{\|x\|=1} \|A(x)\| = \sup_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|A(x)\|}{\|x\|} \\ &= \inf \{ M; \|A(x)\| \leq M\|x\|, \text{ pour tout } x \in E \}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. See [4].

□

Example II.3. *Let*

$$\begin{aligned} T : \left((C[0, 1], \mathbb{R}), \|\cdot\|_\infty \right) &\rightarrow \left((C[0, 1], \mathbb{R}), \|\cdot\|_\infty \right) \\ f &\rightarrow T(f)(x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

. Determine the norm of T .

Solution

. Let's show that $\|T\| = 1$.

$$\cdot \forall f \in \left((C[0, 1], \mathbb{R}); \|\cdot\|_\infty \right),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|T(f)\|_\infty &= \sup_{[0,1]} |T(f)(x)| = \sup_{[0,1]} \left| \int_0^x f(t) dt \right| \\ &\leq \int_0^1 |f(t)| dt \leq \sup_{0 \leq t \leq 1} |f(t)| \int_0^1 dt = \|f\|_\infty. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\|T\| \leq 1$.

$$\cdot \text{By taking } f = 1, \text{ then } f \in \left((C[0, 1], \mathbb{R}), \|\cdot\|_\infty \right) \text{ and we get}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|T(f)\|_\infty &= \sup_{0 \leq x \leq 1} \left| \int_0^x f(t) dt \right| \\ &= \sup_{0 \leq x \leq 1} |x| = 1. \end{aligned}$$

As a result $\|T\| \geq 1$. In conclusion, $\|T\| = 1$.

Theorem II.4. [6] Let $(E, \|\cdot\|_1)$ be a **normed** space and $(F, \|\cdot\|_2)$ a **Banach** space. Then $\mathcal{L}(E, F)$ is a Banach space.

Proof. It is already known that $\mathcal{L}(E, F)$ is a normed space. It's remains to prove that $\mathcal{L}(E, F)$ is complete.

Let $\{A_n, n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subset \mathcal{L}(E, F)$ be a Cauchy sequence. Then,

$$\|A_n - A_m\| \leq \epsilon, \text{ if } m, n \geq N_0(\epsilon).$$

For a fixed x , we have

$$\|A_n(x) - A_m(x)\|_2 \leq \|A_n - A_m\| \|x\|_1 \leq \epsilon \|x\|_1, \quad n, m \geq N_0(\epsilon).$$

This shows that $\{A_n(x), n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subset F$ is a Cauchy sequence for all $x \in E$.

Now, $(F, \|\cdot\|_2)$ is a Banach space, so $\{A_n(x)\}_n$ is convergent for all $x \in E$.

We define the operator $A : E \rightarrow F$ as follows

$$A(x) = \lim_n A_n(x), \quad \text{for all } x \in E.$$

Let's show that for all $x, y \in E, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} A(\alpha x + \beta y) &= \lim_n A_n(\alpha x + \beta y) = \alpha \lim_n A_n(x) + \beta \lim_n A_n(y) \\ &= \alpha A(x) + \beta A(y), \end{aligned}$$

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On the other hand, we have

$$\|A_n(x)\|_2 \leq M\|x\|_1 \quad \forall x \in E,$$

This leads, as $n \rightarrow \infty$, to $\|A(x)\|_2 \leq M\|x\|_1$, $\forall x \in E$, and thus $A \in \mathcal{L}(E, F)$.

Finally, let's show that $A_n \xrightarrow{\|\cdot\|} A$.

If $m, n \geq N_0(\epsilon)$, $x \in E$, then

$$\|A_m(x) - A_n(x)\| \leq \|A_m - A_n\| \|x\|_1 \leq \epsilon \|x\|_1, \quad \text{if } m, n \geq N_0(\epsilon).$$

This gives

$$\|A - A_n\| < \epsilon, \quad \text{if } n \geq N_0(\epsilon), \text{ i.e. } A_n \xrightarrow{\|\cdot\|} A.$$

□

Corollary II.1. *Let $(E, \|\cdot\|)$ be a normed space. Then the topological dual space E' is a Banach space.*

Proof. The completeness of the space E' comes from the fact that $\mathbb{K}$ is complete. □

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We remind the lecture of the result presented by the following theorem.

Reminder

Theorem II.5. [9] *Let (E, d) and (F, ρ) be two metric spaces with F complete and X be a dense subspace of E .*

If $f : X \rightarrow F$ is a uniformly continuous operator, then f can be uniquely extended to a uniformly continuous operator from $E \rightarrow F$.

Proof. Let $f : X \rightarrow F$ be uniformly continuous.

If $x \in \overline{X}$, there exists $\{a_n\}_n \subset X$ such that $\lim_n a_n = x$.

Thus, $\{a_n\}_n$ is a Cauchy sequence in X and since f is uniformly continuous, then $\{f(a_n)\}_n \subset F$ is a Cauchy sequence, which implies the existence of

$$y \in F \text{ such that } \lim_n f(a_n) = y.$$

We define

$$g(x) = y = \lim_n f(a_n).$$

- g is well-defined.

Indeed, Suppose that $a_n \xrightarrow[n]{} x$ and $b_n \xrightarrow[n]{} x$.

Let's show that

$$\lim_n f(a_n) = \lim_n f(b_n) = y.$$

$$d(a_n, b_n) \leq d(a_n, x) + d(b_n, x) \rightarrow 0, \text{ when } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

And since f is uniformly continuous, we have

$$\rho(f(a_n), f(b_n)) \rightarrow 0 \text{ when } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Which gives

$$\rho(f(b_n), y) \leq \rho(f(a_n), f(b_n)) + \rho(f(a_n), y) \rightarrow 0, \text{ when } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

thus $\lim_n f(b_n) = y$, and g is well-defined.

- Now, we show that g is uniformly continuous on E .

Since f is uniformly continuous on X .

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0, \forall x_1, x_2 \in X; d(x_1, x_2) < \delta \Rightarrow \rho(f(x_1), f(x_2)) < \epsilon.$$

Let $x, y \in E$, then there exist sequences $(a_n)_n, (b_n)_n \subset X$, such that $\lim_n a_n = x$ and $\lim_n b_n = y$.

If $d(x, y) < \delta$, then $d(a_n, b_n) \leq d(a_n, x) + d(x, y) + d(y, b_n) \leq \delta$, for sufficiently large n .

Which implies that, for sufficiently large n , $\rho(f(a_n), f(b_n)) < \epsilon$. Thus,

$$\rho(g(x), g(y)) = \lim_n \rho(f(a_n), f(b_n)) < \epsilon.$$

Therefore, g is uniformly continuous.

We assume that there exists another extension h , such that

$$h|_A = f = g.$$

for $x \in \overline{X}$, there exists $(a_n) \subset X$ such that $a_n \xrightarrow[n]{} x$.

Thus,

$$g(x) = \lim_n g(a_n) = \lim_n h(a_n) = h(x)$$

□

Now, let's present a result that goes in the direction of the extension theorem mentioned below.

Lemma II.2. [9] let E_0 be a subspace of a normed space E , F a Banach space, and $A_0 : E_0 \rightarrow F$ a continuous linear operator. Then, there exists a unique continuous linear extension A of A_0 on $\overline{E_0}$ such that $\|A\| = \|A_0\|$.

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Proof. A_0 is uniformly continuous because A_0 is linear and continuous. Therefore, by Theorem (II.5), there exists a unique uniformly continuous extension A of A_0 on $\overline{E_0}$.

- Let's show that A is linear.

Since $A(x) = \lim_n A_0(a_n)$, one has

$$\begin{aligned} A(\alpha x + \beta y) &= \lim_n A_0(\alpha a_n + \beta b_n) \\ &= \alpha \lim_n A_0(a_n) + \beta \lim_n A_0(b_n) \\ &= \alpha A(x) + \beta A(y). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, A is linear.

- Now, let's prove that A is bounded.

Since

$$\|A(x)\| = \lim_n \|A_0(a_n)\| \leq \|A_0\| \lim_n \|a_n\| \leq \|A_0\| \|x\|.$$

Thus, A is bounded and

$$\|A\| \leq \|A_0\|. \quad (\text{II.3.1})$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} \|A_0\| &= \sup_{\substack{\|x\| \leq 1 \\ x \in E_0}} \|A_0(x)\| = \sup_{\substack{\|x\| \leq 1 \\ x \in E_0}} \|A(x)\| \\ &\leq \sup_{\substack{\|x\| \leq 1 \\ x \in \overline{E_0}}} \|A(x)\| = \|A\|. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{II.3.2})$$

Form (II.3.1) and (II.3.2), we obtain

$$\|A\| = \|A_0\|.$$

□

The following result specifies the relationship between the finite dimension of the space and the continuity of the operator.

Theorem II.6. *Let E, F be two normed spaces and $A : E \rightarrow F$ a linear operator. If $\dim E < \infty$, then A is continuous.*

Proof. Let E be a finite-dimensional vector space and $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$ a basis of E . Then, for all $x \in E$, $x = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i e_i$, $x_i \in \mathbb{K}$ and $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$,

$$\begin{aligned} \|A(x)\| &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i| \|A(e_i)\| \leq \max_{0 < i < n} \|A(e_i)\| \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i| \\ &= \max_{0 < i < n} \|A(e_i)\| \|x\|_\infty \leq K \|x\|_\infty. \end{aligned}$$

□

II.4 Pointwise convergence and uniform convergence

II.4.1 Pointwise convergence

Definition II.4. A sequence of functions $(f_n)_n$ defined on a set E converges pointwise to a function f iff, for each $x \in E$, the sequence $(f_n(x))_n$ converges to $f(x)$. In other words, for every $x \in E$, we have

$$\lim_n f_n(x) = f(x).$$

This means that for each point $x \in E$,

$$f_n(x) \xrightarrow{\text{Pointwise}} f(x) \iff \forall x \in E, \lim_n f_n(x) = f(x).$$

Example II.4. The sequence of functions $f_n(x) = x^n$ converges pointwise to the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } 0 \leq x < 1, \\ 1 & \text{if } x = 1. \end{cases}$$

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II.4.2 Uniform convergence

Definition II.5. A sequence of functions $\{f_n\}$ defined on a set E converges uniformly to a function f if, for every $\epsilon > 0$, there exists an integer N such that for all $n \geq N$ and for all $x \in E$, we have:

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon.$$

That is:

$$f_n \xrightarrow{\text{uniformly}} f \iff \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}, \forall n \geq N, \forall x \in E, \quad |f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon.$$

Example II.5. Study the uniform convergence of the sequence of functions, defined on $[0, 1]$, by:

$$f_n(x) = \frac{ne^{-x} + x^2}{n + x}.$$

1. Pointwise convergence: $f_n(x) \rightarrow f(x) = e^{-x}$, because

$$\lim_n f_n(x) = \lim_n \frac{ne^{-x}}{n} = e^{-x}.$$

2. Uniform convergence:

$$\begin{aligned} |f_n(x) - f(x)| &= \left| \frac{ne^{-x} + x^2}{n + x} - e^{-x} \right| = \left| \frac{ne^{-x} + x^2 - ne^{-x} - xe^{-x}}{n + x} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{x(x - e^{-x})}{n + x} \right| \leq \frac{|x| + e^{-x}}{n + x} \leq \frac{2}{n} \xrightarrow{n} 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, f_n converges uniformly to e^{-x} on $[0, 1]$.

As a consequence of uniform convergence, we obtain the following main results.

Uniform Convergence and Continuity

Proposition II.2. *If $\{f_n\}$ converges uniformly to f , this means that for any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists an integer N such that for all $n \geq N$ and for all $x \in E$, we have* There-

$$|f_n(x) - f(x)| < \epsilon.$$

Now, if each f_n is continuous, and $f_n \rightarrow f$ uniformly, then the limit function f must be continuous. This follows because, for any $x_0 \in E$ and any $\epsilon > 0$, we can find an N such that for all $n \geq N$, we have

$$|f_n(x_0) - f(x_0)| < \epsilon.$$

By the continuity of each f_n , for x near x_0 , we have

$$|f_n(x) - f_n(x_0)| < \epsilon.$$

fore, the uniform convergence ensures that the continuity of each function f_n passes to the limit function f .

Example II.6. *The sequence of continuous functions defined by $f_n(x) = x^n$ does not converge uniformly on $[0, 1]$, because f_n converges pointwise to f defined by:*

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x = 1, \\ 0 & \text{if } 0 \leq x < 1, \end{cases}$$

which is not continuous.

Uniform Convergence and Integration

Proposition II.3 (Integration of the Limit Function). *If f_n converges uniformly to f on $[a, b]$, then the integral of f_n converges to the integral of f over the same interval. That is*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f_n(x) dx = \int_a^b f(x) dx.$$

Proposition II.4 (Convergence of Integrals). *Uniform convergence ensures that the integrals of the sequence f_n converge to the integral of the limit function f . This follows from the Dominated Convergence Theorem, which states that if f_n converges uniformly to f , then*

$$\int_a^b f_n(x) dx \rightarrow \int_a^b f(x) dx \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

II.4. Pointwise convergence and uniform convergence

Proposition II.5 (Pointwise Convergence). *If the convergence of f_n to f is only pointwise (not uniform), then the integral of f_n may not converge to the integral of f . In such cases, additional conditions like the Dominated Convergence Theorem or the Monotone Convergence Theorem are needed to guarantee the convergence of the integrals.*

Example II.7. Let $f_n : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by

$$f_n(x) = \begin{cases} n^2 x(1 - nx) & \text{for } x \in [0, \frac{1}{n}], \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

1. Study the pointwise limit of the sequence of functions $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$.

2. Compute $\int_0^1 f_n(t) dt$.

Is there a uniform convergence of the sequence $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$?

Solution.

1. For $x = 0$, we have $f_n(x) = 0$.

For $x \in]0, 1]$, there exists N_0 such that $\frac{1}{x} < N_0$, so for all $n \geq N_0$, we have $f_n(x) = 0 \rightarrow 0$.

Thus, the sequence of functions converges pointwise to 0 on $[0, 1]$.

2. $\int_0^1 f_n(t) dt = \frac{1}{6}$.

If there had been uniform convergence of the sequence of functions

$(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, we would have $\int_0^1 f_n(t) dt = \int_0^1 0 dx = 0$.

This is not the case, so there is no uniform convergence.

Uniform Convergence and Differentiability

Theorem II.7. Let $(f_n)_n$ be a sequence of functions, taking values in $\mathbb{R}$ or $\mathbb{C}$, defined on an interval I .

We assume that all the f_n are of class C^1 and that there exists $g : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfying the following conditions:

- There exists $x_0 \in I$, such that the sequence $(f_n(x_0))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges.
- The sequence of functions f'_n converges uniformly to g on every subinterval contained in I .

Then, the sequence $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges uniformly on I to a function f , continuously differentiable on I , such that $f' = g$.

Example II.8. Let $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*}$ be the sequence of functions defined on $[-1, 1]$ by:

$$f_n(x) = \frac{x}{1 + n^2 x^2}.$$

1. Show that $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*}$ converges uniformly on $[-1, 1]$ to 0.

2. Consider the sequence g_n defined on $[-1, 1]$ by

$$g_n(x) = \frac{\ln(1 + n^2 x^2)}{2n^2}.$$

Show that $(g_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*}$ converges uniformly on $[-1, 1]$ to 0.

Solution

$(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*}$ converges pointwise to 0.

1. We will study the function

$$h_n(x) = |f_n - 0| = \frac{|x|}{1 + n^2 x^2}.$$

Since the function is even, we can restrict the analysis to $[0, 1]$, thus we have

$$h_n(x) = \frac{x}{1 + n^2 x^2}$$

and

$$h'_n(x) = \frac{1 - n^2 x^2}{(1 + n^2 x^2)^2}.$$

It follows that

$$\sup_{0 \leq x \leq 1} |h_n| = \frac{1}{2n} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Thus, the sequence converges uniformly to 0 on $[-1, 1]$.

2. $g'_n = \frac{x}{1 + n^2 x^2} = f_n(x)$

Therefore, g'_n converges uniformly on $[-1, 1]$ to 0. According to the differentiation theorem, the sequence $(g_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*}$ converges uniformly to 0.

II.5. Invertibility of an operator

II.5 Invertibility of an operator

Definition II.6. An operator T is said to be invertible if there exists another operator T^{-1} such that

$$TT^{-1} = T^{-1}T = I,$$

where I is the identity operator.

Definition II.7. Let E be a Banach space. We recall that an operator $T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$ is invertible if it has an inverse in $\mathcal{L}(E)$, i.e.,

$$\exists S \in \mathcal{L}(E) \text{ such that } ST = TS = I,$$

where I denotes the identity operator on E .

We denote by $GL(E)$ the set of invertible operators.

Example II.9. Let $E = l_2(\mathbb{R}) = \{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \dots); \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i^2 < \infty\}$, and define the operator $T : E \rightarrow F$ by:

$$T(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \dots) = (0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \dots), \quad \forall x = (x_n)_{n \geq 1} \in E.$$

Then, T is injective and $T^{-1} \in \mathcal{L}(T(E))$, but not in $\mathcal{L}(E)$, so T is not invertible.

Theorem II.8. [1][**Open Mapping Theorem**] Let X and Y be Banach spaces and $T : X \rightarrow Y$ be a continuous linear operator. If T is surjective, then

$$\exists c > 0, \text{ such that } B_Y(0, c) \subset T(B_X(0, 1)). \quad (*)$$

In particular, T is an open map, meaning that for every open set $U \subseteq X$, the image $T(U)$ is an open set in Y .

The (*) property implies that

$$\exists c > 0, \text{ such that } B_Y(0, Rc) \subset T(B_X(0, R)). \quad (**)$$

Indeed,

$$\|y\| \leq r \Rightarrow \left\| \frac{y}{r} \right\| \leq 1 \Rightarrow \exists x \in B_X(0, R) : \frac{y}{r} = T(x),$$

which gives

$$y = T(rx) = T(z); \quad z \in B_X(0, R);$$

thus $B_Y(0, Rc) \subset T(B_X(0, R))$.

Proof. Show that T is open. Let U be a non-empty open set in X . Let $y_0 \in T(U)$. Then there exists $x_0 \in U$ such that $y_0 = T(x_0)$.

There exists $r > 0$ such that $B_X(0, R) \subset U$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} y_0 + T(B_X(0, R)) &= T(x_0) + T(B_X(0, R)) \\ &= T(x_0 + B_X(0, R)) \\ &= T(B_X(x_0, R)) \\ &\subset T(U). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, we also have:

$$B_Y(y_0, Rc) = y_0 + B_Y(0, Rc) \subset y_0 + T(B_X(0, R)) \subset T(U).$$

□

Theorem II.9. [1] ***Banach isomorphism Theorem** Let E and F be Banach spaces and let $T : E \rightarrow F$ be a linear, continuous, and bijective operator. Then, T^{-1} is also continuous (and so T is a topological isomorphism).*

Proof. Since A is bijective, A^{-1} exists.

By Theorem II.8, A is an open map. Thus, for any open set G in E , $A(G)$ is open in F .

Hence, A^{-1} is continuous, since $(A^{-1})^{-1}(G) = A(G)$ is open. □

Proposition II.6. [7] *Let $(X, \|\cdot\|_X)$ be a normed vector space over $\mathbb{K}$, E be a Banach space over the same field $\mathbb{K}$, and $T \in \mathcal{L}(E, X)$ be bijective. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

1. $T^{-1} \in \mathcal{L}(E, X)$.
2. There exists $C > 0$ such that for all $x \in E$, $\|T(x)\| \geq C\|x\|$.
3. $(X, \|\cdot\|_X)$ is a Banach space.

Proof. • Suppose T^{-1} is continuous. Then

$$\forall x \in E, \|T^{-1}(T(x))\| \leq \|T^{-1}\| \|T(x)\|.$$

Thus,

$$\forall x \in E, \|T(x)\|_X \geq \|T^{-1}\|^{-1} \|x\|_E.$$

Let $C = \|T^{-1}\|^{-1}$, which shows statement 2.

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- Let $(y_n)_{n \geq 1}$ be a Cauchy sequence in X . Since the operator T is bijective, there exists a sequence $(x_n)_{n \geq 1} \subset E$ such that, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$Tx_n = y_n.$$

Now, by statement 2,

$$\|x_p - x_q\| \leq \frac{1}{C} \|y_p - y_q\|.$$

Thus, $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$ is a Cauchy sequence in E (Banach), and $x_n \xrightarrow{E} x$. Since T is continuous, we have $Tx_n \xrightarrow{Y} Tx \in X$. Therefore, y_n converges to $Tx \in X$, and we deduce that X is a Banach space.

- The Banach isomorphism Theorem (II.9) completes the proof. □

Corollary II.2. *Let $(E, \|\cdot\|)$, $(Y, \|\cdot\|)$ be two Banach spaces over $\mathbb{K}$, and let $T \in \mathcal{L}(E, Y)$. Then, the following properties are equivalent*

1. *There exists $C > 0$ such that for all $x \in E$, $\|T(x)\| \geq C\|x\|$.*
2. *T is injective and $\text{Im}(T)$ is closed in Y .*

Proof. We set $X = \text{Im}(T)$.

- T is injective because $\text{Ker}(T) = \{0\}$ ($x \in \text{Ker}(T)$ implies that $\|T(x)\| = 0 \geq C\|x\|$).

Consequently,

T is a bijection from E onto X . According to Proposition (II.6), X is a Banach space and thus closed in Y .

- Now, if T is injective and X is closed in Y , then T is a bijection from E onto X , which is a Banach space. Proposition (II.6) states that there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that, for all $x \in E$,

$$\|T(x)\| \geq C\|x\|.$$

This proves the Corollary. □

II.6 Topological dual of a normed vector space.

Definition II.8. Let E be a normed space. The space $L(E; \mathbb{R})$ of all linear bounded functionals $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called the dual of E and it is denoted by E^* . The norm on E^* is therefore defined by

$$\|f\|_{E^*} = \sup_{\|x\| \leq 1} |f(x)| = \sup_{\|x\|=1} |f(x)|.$$

Example II.10. In the space $l_p(\mathbb{R}) = \{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \dots); \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |x_i|^p < \infty\}$,

let $e_n = (0, \dots, 0, \underbrace{1}_n, 0, \dots) \in l_p$,

$x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \dots)$ and the sequence $\xi_n = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i e_i = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, 0, 0, \dots)$.

Then

$$\|x - \xi_n\|_p = \left[\sum_{i=n+1}^{\infty} |x_i|^p \right]^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

and since $\left[\sum_{i=n+1}^{\infty} |x_i|^p \right]$ converges, we have for any $\epsilon > 0$, there exists $N(\epsilon)$

such that $\|x - \xi_n\|_p < \epsilon$ for $n \geq N(\epsilon)$.

Let $f \in l'_p$ and $y_i = f(e_i) \in \mathbb{R}$.

Thus, $|y_i| = |f(e_i)| \leq \|f\| \|e_i\| \leq \|f\|$.

From the relation

$$f(x - \xi_n) = f(x) - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i f(e_i) = f(x) - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i,$$

we get

$$f(x - \xi_n) \leq \|f\| \|x - \xi_n\| \leq \|f\| \epsilon, \text{ for all } n \geq N(\epsilon).$$

Thus, $f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$.

. Let us show that $\{y_n\}_n$ is a set in l_q where $q = \frac{p}{p-1}$, $p > 1$.

Let

$$z_i = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } y_i = 0, \\ \frac{|y_i|^q}{y_i} & \text{if } y_i \neq 0. \end{cases}$$

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We define $\zeta_n = \sum_{i=1}^n z_i e_i$. Then, we have

$$\|\zeta_n\|_p = \left[\sum_{i=1}^n |z_i|^p \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} = \left[\sum_{i=1}^n |y_i|^{p(q-1)} \right]^{\frac{1}{p}} = \left[\sum_{i=1}^n |y_i|^q \right]^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

Since $f(\zeta_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n z_i y_i = \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i|^q$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i|^q &= f(\zeta_n) = |f(\zeta_n)| \leq \|f\| \|\zeta_n\|_p \\ &= \|f\| \left[\sum_{i=1}^n |y_i|^q \right]^{\frac{1}{p}}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\left[\sum_{i=1}^n |y_i|^q \right]^{\frac{1}{q}} \leq \|f\|$, and by passing to the limit, we have

$$\left[\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |y_i|^q \right]^{\frac{1}{q}} \leq \|f\|.$$

In other words, $y = \{y_n\} \in l_q$ and $\|f\| \geq \|y\|_q$.

On the other hand, Hölder's inequality gives us

$$\text{for } x \in l_p, \quad f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i y_i \leq \|x\|_p \|y\|_q,$$

which implies $\|f\| \leq \|y\|_q$.

In conclusion, $\|f\| = \|y\|_q$.

Example II.11. Let ℓ_1 denote the space of infinite sequences (x_n) such that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x_n| < \infty$. We equip it with the norm $\|x\|_1 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x_n|$. Let ℓ_{∞} denote the space of bounded infinite sequences (x_n) . We equip it with the norm $\|x\|_{\infty} = \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |x_n|$. We claim that the dual of ℓ_1 is isometrically isomorphic to ℓ_{∞} .

Solution

The isometric isomorphism is given by

$$T : \ell_{\infty} \rightarrow (\ell_1)^*, \quad a \mapsto T_a : \ell_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad x \mapsto \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n x_n.$$

. The linearity of T_a in x and the linearity of T in a are clear.

- The continuity of T_a in x follows from the following inequality

$$\|T_a(x)\| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n x_n \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n x_n| \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x_n| |a_n| \|a\|_1 \leq \|a\|_1 \|x\|_1.$$

- The surjectivity: let $e_1 = (1, 0, 0, \dots)$, $e_2 = (0, 1, 0, 0, \dots)$, and so on. The set $\{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots\}$ is a Schauder basis of ℓ^1 . If $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots) \in \ell^1$, the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n e_n$ converges in the ℓ^1 norm to x because

$$\begin{aligned} \|x - \sum_{k=1}^n x_k e_k\|_1 &= \|(x_1, \dots, x_n, x_{n+1}, \dots) - (x_1, \dots, x_n, 0, 0, \dots)\|_1 \\ &= \|(0, 0, \dots, 0, x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, \dots)\|_1 \\ &= \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} |x_k| \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0. \end{aligned}$$

If now $f \in (\ell^1)^*$, then f is linear and continuous and so

$$f(x) = f\left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n e_n\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n f(e_n).$$

Let $a_n = f(e_n)$. Since f is bounded, the sequence (a_n) is bounded and so, $a := (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, \dots) \in \ell^\infty$. Thus

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n x_n = (T_a)(x).$$

It follows that $f = T_a$.

- The isometry:

$$\|(Ta)(x)\| \leq \|a\|_{\ell^1} \|x\|_{\ell^1} :$$

It follows that $\|Ta\| \leq \|a\|_{\ell^1}$. On the other hand, by property of supremum, There exists $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $|a_k| > \|a\|_{\ell^1} - \epsilon$.

A simple calculation leads to

$$\|Ta\| \leq \|(Ta)(e_k)\| = |a_k| \leq \|a\|_{\ell^1} :$$

Since k was arbitrary, we get $\|Ta\| \leq \|a\|_{\ell^1}$.

$$\|Ta\| \geq \|(Ta)(e_k)\| = |a_k| \geq \|a\|_{\ell^\infty} - \epsilon.$$

Since ϵ was arbitrary, we get $\|Ta\| \geq \|a\|_{\ell^\infty}$. Which completes the proof.

II.7. Bidual. Reflexive space.

Theorem II.10. [9] *[Riesz Representation Theorem] Let F be a linear form on $L^p(E) = \{f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; f \text{ is measurable and } \int_E |f|^p dx < \infty\}$, $1 < p < \infty$. Then, there exists a function $g \in L^q(E)$, $q = \frac{p}{p-1}$, such that*

$$F(f) = \int_E f(x)g(x) dx, \text{ for all } f \in L^p(E).$$

Moreover, $\|F\| = \|g\|$.

Proof. See [9]. □

Remark II.2. Let $\tau : L_q(E) \rightarrow (L_p(E))'$ be defined by:

$$\langle \tau(g), f \rangle = F(f) = \int_E f(x)g(x) dx.$$

Then, τ is an isomorphism and isometric (linear, bijective, and an isometry).

II.7 Bidual. Reflexive space.

Definition II.9. Let E be a normed space and E' its dual, which is also a Banach space. Then, $(E')'$, also denoted as E'' , which is the space of continuous linear functionals on E' , is a Banach space known as the *bidual* of E . The norm of F in E'' is defined as follows:

$$\|F\|_{E''} = \sup_{\|f\|_{E'} \leq 1} |F(f)| = \sup_{f \neq 0, f \in E'} \frac{|F(f)|}{\|f\|} = \sup_{\|f\|_{E'} = 1} |F(f)|.$$

For each $x \in E$, we define $F_x : E' \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$ by:

$$F_x(f) = f(x) = \langle f, x \rangle.$$

We have the following result.

Theorem II.11. The canonical mapping $\mathcal{F} : E \rightarrow E''$ of the normed space E into its bidual, defined by $\mathcal{F}(x) = F_x$, is linear and isometric.

Proof. First, let's show that $\mathcal{F}$ is linear.

- For all $x_1, x_2 \in E$,

$$\begin{aligned} \forall f \in E', \quad \langle \mathcal{F}(x_1 + x_2), f \rangle &= \langle F_{(x_1+x_2)}, f \rangle = f(x_1 + x_2) \\ &= f(x_1) + f(x_2) = F_{x_1}(f) + F_{x_2}(f) \\ &= \langle \mathcal{F}(x_1), f \rangle + \langle \mathcal{F}(x_2), f \rangle = \langle \mathcal{F}(x_1) + \mathcal{F}(x_2), f \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\mathcal{F}(x_1 + x_2) = \mathcal{F}(x_1) + \mathcal{F}(x_2)$.

- For $f \in E'$, $x \in E$, and $\lambda \in \mathbb{K}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathcal{F}(\lambda x), f \rangle &= \langle F_{\lambda x}, f \rangle = f(\lambda x) = \lambda f(x) \\ &= \lambda \langle F_x, f \rangle = \langle \mathcal{F}(x), f \rangle = \langle \lambda \mathcal{F}(x), f \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\mathcal{F}(\lambda x) = \lambda \mathcal{F}(x)$.

Next, let's prove that F is an isometry.

For any $x \in E$,

$$\|F(x)\| = \sup_{f \neq 0, f \in E'} \frac{|F_x(f)|}{\|f\|} = \sup_{f \neq 0, f \in E'} \frac{|f(x)|}{\|f\|} \leq \sup_{f \neq 0, f \in E'} \frac{\|f\| \|x\|}{\|f\|} = \|x\|.$$

On the other hand, according to Corollary (II.2), for every $x \in E$, there exists $f_x \in E'$ such that $\|f_x\| = 1$ and $f_x(x) = \|x\|$.

$$\|F(x)\| \geq |F(x)(f_x)| = \|x\|.$$

Hence, $\|F(x)\| = \|x\|$, and F is an isometry. □

Definition II.10. A space E is said to be reflexive if $\text{Im } F = E''$. We write $E = E''$ and say that E and E'' are equivalent.

Example II.12. $L^p(E)$, where $1 < p < \infty$, is reflexive.

$$(L^p(E))' = (L^q(E)), \quad \text{with} \quad \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad (L^q(E))' = L^p(E).$$

Thus, $(L^p)''(E) = L^p(E)$.

Theorem II.12. A Banach space is reflexive if and only if its bidual is reflexive.

Proof. See [9]. □

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Theorem II.13. Every Hilbert space is reflexive.

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Proof. We will show that the application $J : E \rightarrow E''$ defined by

$$J(x) = f(x), \quad \forall f \in E'$$

is surjective.

Let H be a Hilbert space and $G \in H''$. For every vector $a \in H$, let L_a denote the linear form on H defined by $L_a(x) = \langle x, a \rangle$. Define $\varphi(a) = G(L_a)$, then φ is a continuous linear form on H . By the Riesz theorem, there exists $y \in H$ such that $\varphi = L_y$.

Let $f \in H'$ such that $f(a) = L_z(a)$ for all $a \in H$. Then, we have

$$G(f) = G(L_z) = \varphi(z) = \langle y, z \rangle = f(y) = J(y)(f).$$

Thus, J is surjective on H'' . □

Reflexivity of Finite-Dimensional Spaces

Theorem II.14. *Every finite-dimensional normed vector space is reflexive.*

Proof. If E is a finite-dimensional space, we have:

$$\dim(E) = \dim(E') = \dim(E''),$$

On the other hand, the linear application J from E to E'' , which is injective, is therefore bijective. As a result, E is reflexive. □

II.8 Conjugate operator

Let $(E, \|\cdot\|)$ and $(F, \|\cdot\|)$ be two normed spaces over the same field $\mathbb{K}$, and let $\mathcal{L}(E, F)$ denote the normed space of linear and continuous operators.

Theorem II.15. *For any $A \in \mathcal{L}(E, F)$ and any continuous linear functional $y' \in F'$, the mapping*

$$\begin{aligned} x' &: E \rightarrow \mathbb{K} \\ x &\mapsto x'(x) = y'(A(x)) \end{aligned}$$

is a continuous linear functional.

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Proof. x' is linear since for all $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{K}$ and $x, y \in F$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} x'(\alpha x + \beta y) &= y'(A(\alpha x + \beta y)) \\ &= \alpha y'(A(x)) + \beta y'(A(y)) \\ &= \alpha x'(x) + \beta x'(y). \end{aligned}$$

Moreover,

$$|x'(x)| = |y'A(x)| \leq \|y'\| \|A\| \|x\|,$$

which gives

$$\|x'\| \leq \|y'\| \|A\|.$$

i.e., x' is bounded. □

Theorem II.16. *The map $A' : F' \longrightarrow E'$ given by*

$$A'y' = x'$$

is a continuous linear operator.

Proof. It is evident that A' is linear.

Moreover, for all $x \in E, y' \in F'$;

$$|A'(y')(x)| = |y'A(x)| \leq \|y'\| \|A\| \|x\|,$$

thus

$$\|A'(y')\| \leq \|y'\| \|A\|.$$

We conclude that A' is continuous and that $\|A'\| \leq \|A\|$. □

Definition II.11. *The operator A' , as defined, is called the conjugate operator or adjoint of the operator A .*

Theorem II.17. *Let $A \in \mathcal{L}(E, F)$. Then*

$$\|A\| = \|A'\|.$$

Proof. We have already seen that $\|A'\| \leq \|A\|$.

Moreover, if $A = 0$, then $A' = 0$.

Assuming that $A \neq 0$, for all $x \in E$ and $y' \in F'$, we have

$$|A'(y')(x)| = |y'(A(x))| \leq \|A'\| \|y'\| \|x\|. \quad (\text{II.8.1})$$

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Let us fix $x \in E$ such that $A(x) \neq 0$.

According to the Hahn-Banach theorem, there exists $y' \in F'$ such that

$$\|y'\| = 1 \text{ and } y'(A(x)) = \|A(x)\|.$$

From relation (II.8.1), we obtain

$$\|A(x)\| \leq \|A'\| \|x\|.$$

Thus, $\|A\| \leq \|A'\|$. □

Properties

Let E, F , and G be normed spaces over the same field $\mathbb{K}$. Then the following properties hold.

1- For all $A, B \in \mathcal{L}(E, F)$,

$$(A + B)' = A' + B'.$$

2- For all $A \in \mathcal{L}(E, F)$ and $B \in \mathcal{L}(F, G)$,

$$(A \circ B)' = B' \circ A'.$$

3- For all $\lambda \in \mathbb{K}$ and $A \in \mathcal{L}(E, F)$,

$$(\lambda A)' = \lambda A'.$$

4- If I is the identity operator from $E \longrightarrow E$, then $I' : E' \longrightarrow E'$ satisfies

$$I'(y') = y', \quad \forall y' \in E'.$$

5- If $A \in \mathcal{L}(E, F)$ and $A^{-1} \in \mathcal{L}(F, E)$, then $(A^{-1})'$ exists and

$$(A^{-1})' = (A')^{-1}.$$

Proof. 1- For all $x \in E$ and $y' \in F'$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (A + B)'(y')(x) &= (y')(A + B)(x) = y'(A(x)) + y'(B(x)) \\ &= A'(y')(x) + B'(y')(x) \\ &= (A'(y') + B'(y'))(x). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $(A + B)'(y') = A'(y') + B'(y')$ for all $y' \in F'$. Since y' is arbitrary, it follows that

$$(A + B)' = A' + B'.$$

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$$\begin{aligned}(A \circ B)'(y')(x) &= (y')(A \circ B)(x) = y'(A(B(x))) \\ &= A'(y')(B(x)) = (A' \circ B')(y')(x),\end{aligned}$$

for all $x \in E$ and $y' \in F'$. Thus, $(A \circ B)' = B' \circ A'$.

3-

$$(\lambda A)'(y')(x) = y'(\lambda A(x)) = \lambda y'(A(x)) = \lambda A'(y')(x),$$

for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{K}$, $y' \in F'$, and $x \in E$.

4-

$$I'(y'(x)) = y'(I(x)) = y'(x),$$

thus I' is the identity operator on E' .

5- Assume that $A^{-1} \in \mathcal{L}(F, E)$. We will show that A' is injective. Let $A'(y'_1)(x) = A'(y'_2)(x)$. For all $x \in E$, we have

$$0 = A'(y'_1 - y'_2)(x) = (y'_1 - y'_2)(A(x)).$$

This implies $\langle y'_1 - y'_2, y \rangle = 0$, $\forall y \in F$. Thus, $y'_1 = y'_2$ and A' is injective.

6- We will show that A' is surjective. Since $A^{-1} \in \mathcal{L}(E, F)$, there exists $(A^{-1})'$. Now, for every $x \in E$ such that $x = A^{-1}y$ and $y \in F$, and for $f \in E'$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= f(A^{-1})(y) = (A^{-1})'f(y) \\ &= ((A^{-1})' \circ f)(Ax) = ((A^{-1})' \circ f)(Ax) \\ &= A'((A^{-1})'f)(x).\end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$f = A'((A^{-1})'f), \tag{II.8.2}$$

i.e., $f \in R(A') = E'$ and A' is surjective.

From relation (II.8.2), we have

$$A'((A^{-1})'f) = f \quad \text{and} \quad (A^{-1})' = (A')^{-1}.$$

□

Theorem II.18. *Let $\{A_n; n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subset \mathcal{L}(E, F)$ be a sequence that converges in norm to $A \in \mathcal{L}(E, F)$. Then the sequence $\{A'_n; n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ converges in norm to A' .*

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Proof. We have,

$$\|A'_n - A'\| = \|(A_n - A)'\| = \|A_n - A\|.$$

□

II.9 Compact operators

Definition II.12. A linear operator $A : E \longrightarrow F$ is compact if it transforms every bounded set M into a relatively compact set in F .
i.e. $\forall M \subset E, M$ bounded; $\overline{A(M)}$ is compact.
 We denote by $K(E, F)$ the set of compact operators.

Remark II.3. Let $A : E \longrightarrow F$ be compact. Then A is continuous. Indeed, let M be a bounded set in E . Then, $A(M) \subset \overline{A(M)}$, so $A(M)$ is precompact, and consequently, $A(M)$ is bounded. That is, if A is compact, then A is continuous.

Lemma II.3. Let E, F be two normed spaces and $A : E \longrightarrow F$ a linear operator.
 A is compact if and only if from every bounded sequence $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ in E , one can extract a convergent subsequence from the sequence $(Au_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ in F .

Proof. Let M be a bounded set in E and $(v_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \overline{A(M)}$. Then, there exists $(w_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset A(M)$ such that

$$\|v_n - w_n\| < \frac{1}{n}, \quad w_n = A(u_n) \text{ and } (u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset M.$$

Thus, $(w_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ has a convergent subsequence $\{Au_{n_k}\}$ such that

$$w_{n_k} = Au_{n_k} \longrightarrow v \in F.$$

Therefore,

$$\|v_{n_k} - v\| \leq \|v_{n_k} - w_{n_k}\| + \|w_{n_k} - v\| \xrightarrow[k \rightarrow +\infty]{} 0,$$

which implies $v_{n_k} \xrightarrow[k]{} v$ and $\overline{A(M)}$ is compact.

Conversely, let $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a bounded sequence. We have $\{Au_n\}_n \subset \overline{\{Au_n\}_n}$, which is relatively compact, so there exists a subsequence such that $Au_{n_k} \rightarrow v \in F$. □

Proposition II.7. *A is compact if and only if $A(B)$ is relatively compact.*

Proof. Let $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence in B . Then, it is bounded and, by the lemma (II.3), there exists a subsequence $\{u_{n_k}\} \subset \{u_n\}$ such that $Au_{n_k} \xrightarrow[k]{} v \in \overline{A(B)}$, thus $A(B)$ is relatively compact.

Conversely, Let $A(B)$ be relatively compact. If $\{u_n\}$ is bounded, then $\|u_n\| \leq M$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and $\left\|\frac{u_n}{M}\right\| \leq 1$.

Thus, $\left\{\frac{u_n}{M}\right\}_n \subset B$ and $A\left(\frac{u_n}{M}\right)_n \subset A(B)$, which gives

$$A\left(\frac{u_{n_k}}{M}\right) \longrightarrow v \in F \text{ and } A(u_{n_k}) \xrightarrow[k]{} Mv \text{ in } F.$$

Hence A is compact. □

Definition II.13. *Let $C(E, F)$ be the set of all continuous functions from the metric space (E, d) to the metric space (F, ρ) and $\mathfrak{F} \subset C(E, F)$. We say that $\mathfrak{F}$ is equicontinuous at x if*

$$\forall \epsilon, \exists \delta(x, \epsilon) > 0, \forall y \in E, d(x, y) < \delta \Rightarrow \rho(f(x), f(y)) < \epsilon, \forall f \in \mathfrak{F}.$$

Theorem II.19. *[9] [Arzelà-Ascoli Theorem] Let (E, d) be a metric space and (F, ρ) a complete metric space. Then, a subspace $\mathfrak{F} \subset C(E, F)$ is relatively compact if and only if $\mathfrak{F}$ is equicontinuous and, for every $x \in E$,*

$$\mathcal{F}(x) = \{f(x) \in F, \text{ for all } f \in \mathfrak{F}\}$$

is relatively compact.

Corollary II.3. *[9] Let E be a compact space. A space $\mathfrak{F} \subset C(E, \mathbb{R}^N)$ is relatively compact if and only if $\mathfrak{F}$ is equicontinuous and uniformly bounded.*

Example II.13. *Let $f_n : [a, b] \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $n = 1, \dots$, be continuous functions that satisfy $|f_n| \leq M$ and $\|f_n\| \leq k$ on $[a, b]$. Then,*

$$\forall n, \forall x, y \in [a, b]; |f_n(x) - f_n(y)| \leq k|x - y|$$

and

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta = \frac{\epsilon}{k}, \forall x, y \in [a, b]; |x - y| < \frac{\epsilon}{k} \Rightarrow |f_n(x) - f_n(y)| < \epsilon, n = 1, \dots$$

i.e. $\{f_n\}_n$ is equicontinuous and uniformly bounded, hence relatively compact.

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Example II.14. Let $U = C([0, 1], \mathbb{R})$, $K : U \longrightarrow U$,

$$Ku(x) = \int_0^1 k(x, y)u(y) dy,$$

where $k(x, y)$ is a continuous function on $0 \leq x, y \leq 1$. We want to show that K is compact. Let $S_N \subset U$ be a bounded set. Then, $\forall u \in S_N$; $\|u\| = \sup_{x \in [0, 1]} |u(x)| \leq N$ and for every $x \in [0, 1]$, $u \in S_N$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |Ku(x)| &= \left| \int_0^1 k(x, y)u(y) dy \right| \\ &\leq \int_0^1 |k(x, y)||u(y)| dy \leq MN. \end{aligned}$$

So $\|Ku\| \leq MN$ and $K(S_N)$ is uniformly bounded.

On the other hand,

$$\forall x_1, x_2 \in [0, 1], u \in S_N, |x_1 - x_2| < \delta,$$

$$\begin{aligned} |Ku(x_1) - Ku(x_2)| &\leq \int_0^1 |k(x_1, y) - k(x_2, y)||u(y)| dy \\ &\leq \frac{\epsilon}{N} \int_0^1 |u(y)| dy \leq \frac{\epsilon}{N} N. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $\{Ku, u \in S_N\}$ is equicontinuous, which implies that $K(S_N)$ is relatively compact and consequently, K is compact.

Theorem II.20. 1 Let E and F be two normed spaces and $A_1, A_2 : E \longrightarrow F$ be compact operators. Then, $A = \alpha A_1 + \beta A_2$, for all $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{K}$, is also compact.

2 Let E, F , and G be normed spaces and $A : E \longrightarrow F$ and $B : F \longrightarrow G$ be linear and continuous operators. If one of the operators is compact, then the composition $B \circ A : E \longrightarrow G$ is also compact.

3 Let F be a Banach space. If the sequence of compact operators $\{A_n : E \longrightarrow F\}$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$, converges in norm to the operator $A : E \longrightarrow F$, then A is compact.

Proof. 1 Let $\{u_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a bounded sequence. Then, there exists a subsequence $\{u_{\varphi(k)}\}$ such that $A_1(u_{\varphi(k)}) \longrightarrow v_1$ in F and $A_2(u_{\psi(k)}) \longrightarrow v_2$ in F , hence $A(u_{\psi(\varphi(k))}) = \alpha A_1(u_{\psi(\varphi(k))}) + \beta A_2(u_{\psi(\varphi(k))}) \longrightarrow \alpha v_1 + \beta v_2$. Therefore, A is compact.

- 2 Let A be compact and B continuous. If S is a bounded set in E , then $\overline{A(S)}$ is compact and, since B is continuous, $B(\overline{A(S)})$ is compact and also closed. The continuity of B implies

$$B(\overline{A(S)}) \subset \overline{B(A(S))}. \quad (\text{II.9.1})$$

On the other hand,

$$A(S) \subset \overline{A(S)} \Rightarrow B(A(S)) \subset B(\overline{A(S)}).$$

Thus,

$$\overline{B(A(S))} \subset B(\overline{A(S)}). \quad (\text{II.9.2})$$

From equations (II.9.1) and (II.9.2), we obtain $\overline{B(A(S))} = B(\overline{A(S)})$ and $B \circ A$ is compact. Now, we assume that B is compact and A is linear and continuous. If S is bounded, then $A(S)$ is bounded. Since B is compact, $\overline{B(A(S))}$ is compact, so $B \circ A$ is compact.

- 3 Let $A(x) = \lim_n A_n(x)$, for all $x \in E$. Then A is linear and continuous.

$$\text{If } A_n \longrightarrow A, \text{ then } \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N(\epsilon) > 0; \|A_n - A\| < \frac{\epsilon}{N}, n \geq N.$$

Let B be the closed unit ball. We want to show that $A(B)$ is relatively compact. We have, $\|A_n(x) - A(x)\| \leq \|A_n - A\| \|x\| \leq \|A_n - A\| < \epsilon$, $\forall x \in B$, $n \geq N$. Since A_N is compact, $A_N(B)$ is compact, hence precompact. This gives $A_N(B) \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n B(A_N(x_i), \frac{\epsilon}{3})$, $\{x_i, i = 1, \dots, n\} \subset B$. Let $x \in B$. Then, $A_n(x) \in B(A_N(x_k), \frac{\epsilon}{3})$ and we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|A(x) - A(x_k)\| &\leq \|A(x) - A_N(x)\| + \|A_N(x) - A_N(x_k)\| \\ &\quad + \|A_N(x_k) - A(x_k)\| < \epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $A(B)$ is precompact and $\overline{A(B)} \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^n \overline{B_f(x_k, \epsilon)}$. Therefore, $\overline{A(B)}$ is precompact and closed in a complete space, so it is compact. □

II.10 Finite-rank operator

Definition II.14. A linear operator $T : E \rightarrow F$ between two vector spaces E and F is called a **finite-rank operator** if its image $T(E)$ is a finite-dimensional subspace of F .

In other words, T is a finite-rank operator if there exists a finite set of vectors $\{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\} \subset F$ such that any element $T(x)$ for $x \in E$ can be expressed as a linear combination of $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$.

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Example II.15. Consider the linear operator $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ defined by

$$T(x, y, z) = (x + y, y + z).$$

To see that T is a finite-rank operator, observe that the image of T is spanned by the vectors

$$T(1, 0, 0) = (1, 0) \quad \text{and} \quad T(0, 1, 0) = (1, 1).$$

Since the span of these two vectors is a finite-dimensional subspace of $\mathbb{R}^2$, with dimension at most 2, the operator T is of finite rank.

Proposition II.8. [7] Every bounded finite-rank operator is compact.

Proof. Let $T \in \mathcal{L}(E, F)$ be a finite-rank operator. Since T is continuous, for every $x \in B_E$, we have $\|T(x)\| \leq \|T\|$. Therefore, $T(B_E)$ is bounded in F , and consequently, $\overline{T(B_E)}$ is also bounded. Moreover, the image $\text{Im}(T)$ is closed because it is a finite-dimensional vector space. Hence, we have

$$\overline{T(B_E)} \subset \overline{\text{Im}(T)} = \text{Im}(T).$$

Finally, $\overline{T(B_E)}$ is closed and bounded in a finite-dimensional space, and therefore, it is compact. $\square$

Theorem II.21. [7] Let $(H, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ be a Hilbert space over $\mathbb{K}$, and let $T \in K(E, H)$. Then, there exists a sequence $\{T_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of finite-rank operators in $\mathcal{L}(E, H)$ that converges to T in $\mathcal{L}(E, H)$.

Proof. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ be fixed. If T is compact, then $T(B_E)$ is relatively compact, and there exists $k_n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ and $y_1, \dots, y_{k_n} \in H$, such that

$$\overline{T(B_E)} \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^{k_n} B(y_i, \frac{1}{n+1}).$$

Let $L_n = \{y_1, \dots, y_{k_n}\}$ be a finite-dimensional vector space, which is closed in the Hilbert space H , and thus $H = L_n \oplus L_n^\perp$.

Now, let $P_n \in \mathcal{L}(H)$ be the orthogonal projection of H onto L_n . Then, $T_n = P_n T \in \mathcal{L}(E, H)$ is a finite-rank operator, because

$$\dim(\text{Im } T_n) = \dim(\text{Im}(P_n \circ T)) \leq \dim(L_n) \leq k_n.$$

For all $x \in B_E$, there exists $i_0 \in \{1, \dots, k_n\}$, such that

$$\|Tx - y_{i_0}\| < \frac{1}{n+1}.$$

But $y_{i_0} \in L_n$, and P_nTx is the orthogonal projection of Tx onto L_n , so

$$\|Tx - P_nTx\| = \text{dist}(Tx, L_n) \leq \|Tx - y_{i_0}\| < \frac{1}{n+1}.$$

Thus, we obtain

$$\forall x \in B_E, \|Tx - T_nx\| < \frac{1}{n+1},$$

which implies

$$\|T - T_n\| < \frac{1}{n+1}, \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}^*.$$

□

II.11 Spectral Properties of Compact Operators

Reminder: Let M be a closed subspace of a normed vector space E . We say that M has a topological supplement if there exists a closed subspace N of E such that $E = M \oplus N$.

Remark II.4. *If M has a topological supplement N , then both M and N are closed in E . Moreover, if M is finite-dimensional, then M has a topological supplement.*

Lemma II.4. *If $T \in K(E)$, then $M = \ker(I - T)$ has finite dimension. In particular, according to remark (II.4), M has a topological supplement N .*

Proof. First, let us note that $B_F = T(B_F)$. Indeed, for every $y \in M$, we have $y = T(y)$. Since $M = (\ker(I - T))^{-1}\{0\}$ is closed in E , and $B_F = B_E \cap F$, it is also closed in E . Moreover, since $B_F \subset B_E$, we have

$$B_F = T(B_F) \subset \overline{T(B_F)}.$$

So B_F is closed and contained in $\overline{T(B_F)}$, which is a compact set in E because $T \in K(E)$. Therefore, B_F is a compact set in F , and by Riesz Theorem, we conclude that A is finite-dimensional. □

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Lemma II.5. *Let $T \in K(E)$, $M = \ker(I - T)^{-1}\{0\}$, and let N be a topological complement of M . Then, the operator $S = (I - T)|_N$ is linear, continuous, and injective. Moreover, there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that, for all $x \in N$, we have*

$$\|Sx\| \geq C\|x\|. \quad (\text{II.11.1})$$

Remark II.5. *According to Corollary (II.2), we deduce that $\overline{\text{Im}(S)} = \text{Im}(S)$.*

Proof. The map $I - T$ is linear and continuous, and thus S is also linear and continuous. Moreover, if $x \in \ker(S)$, then $x \in N$ and $(I - T)(x) = 0$, which implies $x \in M \cap N = \{0\}$, so S is injective.

Suppose the inequality (II.11.1) is false. Then, for every $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$, there exists $x_n \in N$, such that

$$\|Sx_n\| < \frac{1}{n}\|x_n\|. \quad (\text{II.11.2})$$

It is evident that $\|x_n\| \neq 0$. For $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$, define

$$y_n = \frac{x_n}{\|x_n\|} \in B_E \cap N.$$

Since $T \in K(E)$, there exists a subsequence Ty_{n_k} and $z \in E$ such that

$$Ty_{n_k} \xrightarrow[k \rightarrow \infty]{} z.$$

Now, from (II.11.2), we have

$$\|Sy_{n_k}\| < \frac{1}{n_k} \text{ for all } n_k \in \mathbb{N}^*.$$

So, that

$$y_{n_k} = Sy_{n_k} + Ty_{n_k} \xrightarrow[k \rightarrow \infty]{} z. \quad (\text{II.11.3})$$

Moreover, since for all $k \in \mathbb{N}^*$, $y_{n_k} \in N$, we deduce $z \in \overline{N} = N$.

The continuity of S on N implies that

$$Sy_{n_k} \xrightarrow[k \rightarrow \infty]{} Sz.$$

From (II.11.3), we obtain $Sz = 0$. But since S is injective, we conclude $z = 0$, which is a contradiction because

$$\|z\|_E = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|y_{n_k}\| = 1.$$

Hence, the desired result. □

Proposition II.9. *If $T \in K(E)$, then $\text{Im}(I - T)$ is closed in E .*

Proof. Let $M = \ker(I - T)$ and N be the topological complement of M . Suppose that $z \in \overline{\text{Im}(I - T)}$. Then, there exists a sequence $(z_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ in E such that $z_n - Tz_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} z$. Since $E = M \oplus N$, for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, there exist $(x_n, y_n) \in M \times N$ such that $z_n = x_n + y_n$. Let $S = \ker(I - T)|_N$. Since for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $x_n \in M = \ker(I - T)$, i.e., $x_n - Tx_n = 0$, we have $Sy_n = y_n - Ty_n = z_n - Tx_n - (x_n - Tx_n) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} z$. By Remark (II.5), we deduce

$$z \in \overline{\text{Im}(S)} = \text{Im}(S) \subset \text{Im}(I - T). \quad (\text{II.11.4})$$

Hence, the desired result. □

Theorem II.22. *Let $T \in K(E)$. Then, $(I - T)$ is injective if and only if $(I - T)$ is invertible.*

Theorem II.23. *Let $T \in K(E)$.*

- 1. If E is finite-dimensional, then $0 \in \sigma(T)$.*
- 2. $V_p(T) - \{0\} = \sigma(T) - \{0\}$, and for $\lambda \in \sigma(T) - \{0\}$, the associated eigenspace $\ker(I - T)$ is finite-dimensional.*

Proof. **1.** If $0 \notin \sigma(T)$, then T is invertible in $\mathcal{L}(E)$ and $I = T^{-1}T \in K(E)$. Therefore, $I(B_E) = B_E$ is compact, and by the Riesz theorem, E is finite-dimensional.

- 2.** $\lambda \in \sigma(T) - \{0\}$ if and only if $\lambda \neq 0$ and $(\lambda I - T)$ is not invertible. This is equivalent to $\lambda \neq 0$ and $(I - \lambda^{-1}T)$ is not invertible in $\mathcal{L}(E)$. Now, by Theorem (II.22) applied to $\lambda^{-1}T$, $(I - \lambda^{-1}T)$ is not invertible if and only if $(I - \lambda^{-1}T)$ is not injective. Consequently, $\lambda \in \sigma(T) \setminus \{0\}$ if and only if $\lambda \neq 0$ and $\lambda \in V_p(T) \setminus \{0\}$.

Furthermore, by Lemma (II.4), $\ker(I - \lambda^{-1}T)$ is finite-dimensional. Now, $\dim \ker(I - \lambda^{-1}T) = \dim \ker(\lambda I - T)$, thus $\ker(\lambda I - T)$ is finite-dimensional. □

II.12. Adjoint Operator in a Hilbert Space

Corollary II.4 (**Fredholm Alternative**). *Let $T \in K(E)$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$, $\lambda \neq 0$. We consider the Fredholm equation: for $y \in E$, find $x \in E$ such that*

$$\lambda x - Tx = y. \quad (\text{II.11.5})$$

Then, two cases are possible:

1. *For every y , there exists a unique $x \in E$ solution of (II.11.5).*
2. *The homogeneous equation $\lambda x - Tx = 0$ has a nontrivial solution $x \neq 0$.*

Proof. If $\lambda \notin V_p(T)$, then $\lambda I - T$ is injective and therefore invertible, which implies the uniqueness of the solution to (II.11.5). If $\lambda \in V_p(T)$, there exists $x_0 \in E \setminus \{0\}$ such that $\lambda x_0 - Tx_0 = 0$. $\square$

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We denote by $(H, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$, $(H_1, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$, and $(H_2, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ Hilbert spaces over $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}$ or $\mathbb{C}$.

Theorem II.24. *Let $T \in \mathcal{L}(H_1, H_2)$. Then, for every $y \in H_2$, there exists $z \in H_1$ such that*

$$\forall x \in H_1, \quad \langle Tx, y \rangle = \langle x, z \rangle.$$

*We denote $z = T^*y$.*

Definition II.15. *The operator T^* , defined from H_2 into H_1 by*

$$\forall x \in H_1, \forall y \in H_2; \quad \langle Tx, y \rangle = \langle x, T^*y \rangle,$$

is called the adjoint of T .

Proof. Fix $y \in H_2$. The mapping

$$\varphi_y : H_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{K}, \quad x \mapsto \varphi_y(x) = \langle Tx, y \rangle$$

is linear, and we have

$$\forall x \in H_1; \quad |\varphi_y(x)| = |\langle Tx, y \rangle| \leq \|Tx\| \|y\| \leq \|T\| \|x\|.$$

Thus, φ_y is continuous. By the Riesz representation Theorem, there exists $z \in H_1$ such that

$$\langle \varphi_y, x \rangle = \langle x, z \rangle.$$

Therefore,

$$\langle Tx, y \rangle = \langle x, z \rangle = \langle x, T^*y \rangle.$$

□

Theorem II.25. *Let $T \in \mathcal{L}(H_1, H_2)$. Then $T^* \in \mathcal{L}(H_2, H_1)$.*

Proof. . Let y_1, y_2 and $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{K}$. Then, for all $x \in H_1$,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x, T^*(y_1 + y_2) \rangle &= \langle Tx, y_1 + y_2 \rangle \\ &= \langle Tx, y_1 \rangle + \langle Tx, y_2 \rangle \\ &= \langle x, T^*y_1 \rangle + \langle x, T^*y_2 \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $T^*(y_1 + y_2) = T^*y_1 + T^*y_2$.

. For all $x \in H_1, \lambda \in \mathbb{K}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x, T^*(\lambda y) \rangle &= \langle Tx, \lambda y \rangle \\ &= \bar{\lambda} \langle Tx, y \rangle \\ &= \bar{\lambda} \langle x, T^*y \rangle = \langle x, \lambda T^*y \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, for all $y \in H_2$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|T^*y\|^2 &= \langle T^*y, T^*y \rangle = \langle T(T^*(y)), y \rangle \\ &\leq \|T(T^*(y))\| \|y\| \leq \|T\| \|T^*(y)\| \|y\|. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $\|T^*y\| \leq \|T\| \|y\|$, which gives

$$\|T^*\| \leq \|T\|.$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} \|Tx\|^2 &= \langle Tx, Tx \rangle = \langle x, T^*(T(y)) \rangle \\ &\leq \|T(T^*(x))\| \|x\| \leq \|x\| \|T^*\| \|Tx\|. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\|Tx\| \leq \|T^*\| \|x\|$, and therefore,

$$\|T\| \leq \|T^*\|.$$

From the above two inequalities, we conclude that

$$\|T\| = \|T^*\|.$$

□

II.12. Adjoint Operator in a Hilbert Space

Proposition II.10. *Let $S, T \in \mathcal{L}(H_1, H_2)$, $u \in \mathcal{L}(H_2, H)$, and $\lambda, \beta \in \mathbb{K}$, we have*

- (1) $I_{H_1}^* = I_{H_1}$ ($I_{H_1} \in \mathcal{L}(H_1)$).
- (2) $(\lambda S + \mu T)^* = \bar{\lambda}S^* + \bar{\mu}T^*$.
- (3) $U \circ T \in \mathcal{L}(H_1, H)$, $(U \circ T)^* = T^* \circ U^*$.
- (4) $(T^*)^* = T$.
- (5) $\|T^*T\| = \|T^*T\| = \|T\|$.

Proof. (1) For $x, y \in H_1$, $\langle Ix, y \rangle = \langle x, I^*(y) \rangle = \langle x, Iy \rangle$. Thus, $I_{H_1}^* = I$.

(2) For all $x, y \in H_2$,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x, (\lambda S + \mu T)^*(y) \rangle &= \langle (\lambda S + \mu T)(x), y \rangle \\ &= \lambda \langle S(x), y \rangle + \mu \langle T(x), y \rangle \\ &= \langle x, \bar{\lambda}S^*(y) + \bar{\mu}T^*(y) \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $(\lambda S + \mu T)^* = \bar{\lambda}S^* + \bar{\mu}T^*$.

(3) For $x, y \in H_2$,

$$\langle y, T(x) \rangle = \langle T^*(y), x \rangle = \langle y, (T^*)^*(x) \rangle.$$

Thus, $T = (T^*)^*$.

(4) For $x \in H_1$ and $y \in H$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x, (U \circ T)^*(y) \rangle &= \langle U \circ T(x), y \rangle \\ &= \langle T(x), U^*(y) \rangle \\ &= \langle x, T^* \circ U^*(y) \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

This implies, $(U \circ T)^* = T^* \circ U^*$.

(5) On one hand,

$$\|T^*T\| \leq \|T^*\| \|T\| = \|T\|^2.$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} \|Tx\|^2 &= \langle T(x), T(x) \rangle = \langle x, T^*T(x) \rangle \\ &\leq \|x\| \|T^*T\| \|x\|, \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$\|T\|^2 \leq \|T^*T\|.$$

In conclusion,

$$\|T\|^2 = \|T^*T\|.$$

Furthermore,

$$\|TT^*\| = \|(T^*)^*T^*\| = \|T^*\|^2 = \|T\|^2.$$

□

Theorem II.26. [γ] *An operator $T \in \mathcal{L}(H_1, H_2)$ is invertible if and only if T^* is invertible. Moreover, $(T^*)^{-1} = (T^{-1})^*$.*

Proof. Let $T \in \mathcal{L}(H_1, H_2)$ be invertible. Then,

$$(T^{-1})^* \circ T^* = (T \circ T^{-1})^* = I_{H_2}^* = I_{H_2}$$

and

$$T^* \circ (T^{-1})^* = (T^{-1} \circ T)^* = I_{H_1}^* = I_{H_1}.$$

Conversely, if $T^* \in \mathcal{L}(H_2, H_1)$, then $T = (T^*)^* \in \mathcal{L}(H_1, H_2)$ and T is invertible. □

II.13 Spectrum of an operator

Proposition II.11. [γ] *Let E be a Banach space, $T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$, and $S = \sum_{n \geq 0} T^n$.*

If $\|T\| < 1$, then the operator $I - T \in GL(E)$, and we have

$$(I - T)^{-1} = \sum_{n \geq 0} T^n.$$

Moreover, $GL(E)$ is an open subset of $\mathcal{L}(E)$ and the map

$$T \mapsto (T)^{-1}$$

is continuous on $GL(E)$.

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Proof. Since $\|T\| < 1$, the series $S = \sum_{n \geq 0} T^n$ is normally convergent, and therefore convergent because $\mathcal{L}(E)$ is complete.

Moreover,

$$(I - T)S = (IS - TS) = \sum_{n \geq 0} T^n - \sum_{n \geq 0} T^{n+1} = T^0 = I.$$

Similarly, $S(I - T) = I$.

We deduce that $S = (I - T)^{-1}$.

- Let's show that $GL(E)$ is an open set in $\mathcal{L}(E)$.

Let $T_0 \in GL(E)$. Then, if $T \in GL(E)$ we obtain,

$$T = T_0 + T - T_0 = T_0 (I - (I - T_0^{-1}T))$$

and

$$\|I - T_0^{-1}T\| \leq \|T_0^{-1}\| \|T_0 - T\|.$$

Therefore, if $\|T_0 - T\| < \|T_0^{-1}\|^{-1}$, then $(I - (I - T_0^{-1}T))$ is invertible, and T is invertible.

In other words,

$$B(T_0, \|T_0^{-1}\|^{-1}) \subset GL(E).$$

So $GL(E)$ is an open set in $\mathcal{L}(E)$.

Moreover, if $T \in B(T_0, \|T_0^{-1}\|^{-1})$, then

$$T^{-1} = (I - (I - T_0^{-1}T))^{-1} T_0^{-1} = \sum_{n \geq 0} (I - T_0^{-1}T)^n T_0^{-1}.$$

Thus, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|T^{-1} - T_0^{-1}\| &= \left\| \sum_{n \geq 0} (I - T_0^{-1}T)^n T_0^{-1} - T_0^{-1} \right\| \\ &= \left\| \sum_{n \geq 1} (I - T_0^{-1}T)^n T_0^{-1} \right\| \\ &\leq \|T_0^{-1}\| \sum_{n \geq 1} \|(I - T_0^{-1}T)\|^n \\ &\leq \|I - T_0^{-1}T\| \|T_0^{-1}\| \frac{1}{1 - \|I - T_0^{-1}T\|} \\ &= \frac{\|T_0 - T\| \|T_0^{-1}\|^2}{1 - \|I - T_0^{-1}T\|} \xrightarrow{T \rightarrow T_0} 0. \end{aligned}$$

This shows the continuity of the mapping $T \mapsto T^{-1}$ on $GL(E)$.

□

Definitions and Properties

Definition II.16 (Resolvent set). The ***resolvent set*** of T is defined as

$$\rho(T) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{K}; (\lambda I - T) \text{ is invertible}\}.$$

The elements of $\rho(T)$ are called the ***resolvent values*** of T .

Definition II.17 (Resolvent operator). If $\lambda \in \rho(T)$, the ***resolvent*** is defined as

$$R_\lambda(T) = (\lambda I - T)^{-1}.$$

The resolvent is often simply denoted by R_λ .

Definition II.18 (Spectrum). The ***spectrum*** $\sigma(T)$ is the set

$$\sigma(T) = \mathbb{K} - \rho(T).$$

The elements of $\sigma(T)$ are called the ***spectral values*** of T .

Definition II.19 (Eigenvalues). We say that $\lambda \in \mathbb{K}$ is an ***eigenvalue*** of T if

$$(\lambda I - T) \text{ is not injective.}$$

That is, the equation $Tx = \lambda x$ has nontrivial solutions $x \in E - \{0\}$.

In other words, the set of eigenvalues $V_p(T)$ is given by:

$$V_p(T) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{K}; \ker(\lambda I - T) \neq \{0\}\}.$$

Remark II.6. 1. The previous definitions remain valid even if E is not a Banach space.

2. $V_p(T) \subset \sigma(T)$.

3. The set of eigenvalues is also called the point spectrum.

4. If E is finite-dimensional,

$$(\lambda I - T) \text{ is invertible if and only if } \ker(\lambda I - T) = \{0\}.$$

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Proposition II.12. *Let $T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$.*

1. *If $|\lambda| \geq \|T\|$, then $\lambda \in \rho(T)$.*
2. *$\rho(T)$ is a non-empty open subset of $\mathbb{K}$.*
3. *$\sigma(T)$ is compact.*
4. *$\overline{V_p(T)} \subset \sigma(T)$.*

Proof. 1. If $|\lambda| \geq \|T\|$, then $\left\| \frac{T}{\lambda} \right\| < 1$ and $(I - \lambda^{-1}T)$ is invertible. Thus,

$$[\lambda^{-1}(\lambda I - T)]^{-1} = \lambda [\lambda I - T]^{-1} = [I - \lambda^{-1}T],$$

i.e., $\lambda \in \rho(T)$.

2. From 1., $\rho(T)$ is non-empty.

Let φ be a map from $\mathbb{K}$ to $\mathcal{L}(E)$, defined by $\varphi : \lambda \mapsto (\lambda I - T)$. Then we have

$$\varphi^{-1}(GL(E)) = \rho(T).$$

Furthermore, for all $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{K}$,

$$\|\varphi(\lambda) - \varphi(\mu)\| = \|(\lambda - \mu)T\| \leq |\lambda - \mu| \|T\|.$$

Thus, φ is continuous.

3. $\sigma(T) = \mathbb{K} - \rho(T)$, so $\sigma(T)$ is closed, and from (1), it is also bounded in $\mathbb{K}$ (since $\mathbb{K}$ is finite-dimensional). Therefore, $\sigma(T)$ is compact.
4. From Remark (II.6), $V_p(T) \subset \overline{\sigma(T)} = \sigma(T)$, which gives $\overline{V_p(T)} \subset \sigma(T)$. $\square$

Proposition II.13 (**Resolvent identity**). *Let $T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$ and $\lambda, \mu \in \rho(T)$. Then,*

$$R_\lambda - R_\mu = (\mu - \lambda)R_\lambda R_\mu = (\mu - \lambda)R_\mu R_\lambda.$$

Moreover, the map $\lambda \mapsto R_\lambda$ is differentiable on $\rho(T)$, and its derivative is given by

$$\frac{dR_\lambda}{d\lambda} = -R_\lambda^2.$$

Proof. Let $R_\lambda = (\lambda I - T)^{-1}$.

$$\begin{aligned} R_\lambda &= R_\lambda(\mu I - T)R_\mu = R_\lambda[\lambda I - T + (\mu - \lambda)I]R_\mu \\ &= [(I + (\mu - \lambda)R_\lambda)]R_\mu = R_\mu + (\mu - \lambda)\lambda R_\lambda R_\mu. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$R_\lambda - R_\mu = (\mu - \lambda)R_\lambda R_\mu.$$

The map $\lambda \mapsto R_\lambda$ from $\rho(T)$ to $GL(E)$ is continuous (it is the composition of two continuous functions, φ and $T \mapsto T^{-1}$).

Furthermore, for all $h > 0$, we have

$$\frac{1}{h}[R_{\lambda+h} - R_\lambda] = -R_{\lambda+h}R_\lambda.$$

Thus, the continuity of $\lambda \mapsto R_\lambda$ implies the differentiability and

$$\frac{dR_\lambda}{d\lambda} = -R_\lambda^2.$$

□

Proposition II.14. *Let $T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$. If $\lambda_0 \in \rho(T)$, then*

$$D(\lambda_0, \|R_{\lambda_0}\|^{-1}) = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{K}; |\lambda - \lambda_0| < \frac{1}{\|R_{\lambda_0}\|}\} \subset \rho(T),$$

and for all $\lambda \in D(\lambda_0, \|R_{\lambda_0}\|^{-1})$, we have

$$R_\lambda = \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n R_{\lambda_0}^{n+1} (\lambda - \lambda_0)^n.$$

Proof. Let $\lambda_0 \in \rho(T)$. If $\lambda \in D(\lambda_0, \|R_{\lambda_0}\|^{-1})$, then

$$\|(\lambda - \lambda_0)R_{\lambda_0}\| < 1.$$

So, the series

$$\sum_{n \geq 0} (-R_{\lambda_0}(\lambda - \lambda_0))^n \in \mathcal{L}(E).$$

This allows us to define the operator S_λ as

$$\begin{aligned} S_\lambda &= R_{\lambda_0} \sum_{n \geq 0} (-R_{\lambda_0}(\lambda - \lambda_0))^n \\ &= \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n (R_{\lambda_0})^{n+1} (\lambda - \lambda_0)^n. \end{aligned}$$

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In particular, we have

$$(\lambda_0 I - T)S_\lambda = (R_{\lambda_0})^{-1}S_\lambda = \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n (R_{\lambda_0})^n (\lambda - \lambda_0)^n.$$

So, for all $\lambda \in D(\lambda_0, \|R_{\lambda_0}\|^{-1})$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} (\lambda I - T)S_\lambda &= (\lambda_0 I - T + (\lambda - \lambda_0)I)S_\lambda \\ &= (\lambda_0 I - T)S_\lambda + (\lambda - \lambda_0)S_\lambda \\ &= \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^n (R_{\lambda_0})^n (\lambda - \lambda_0)^n \\ &\quad - \sum_{n \geq 0} (-1)^{n+1} (R_{\lambda_0})^{n+1} (\lambda - \lambda_0)^{n+1} \\ &= I. \end{aligned}$$

In the same manner, we obtain

$$S_\lambda(\lambda I - T) = I.$$

In conclusion, $D(\lambda_0, \|R_{\lambda_0}\|^{-1}) \subset \rho(T)$ and $R_\lambda = S_\lambda$ for all $\lambda \in D(\lambda_0, \|R_{\lambda_0}\|^{-1})$. $\square$

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Proposition II.15. *Let H be a Hilbert space and $T \in \mathcal{L}(H)$. Then, we have*

1. $\ker(T) = (\operatorname{Im} T^*)^\perp$.
2. $\overline{\operatorname{Im} T} = (\ker T^*)^\perp$.

Proof. 1.

$$\begin{aligned} \ker(T) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{x \in H; Tx = 0\} \\ &= \{x \in H, \forall y \in H; \langle Tx, y \rangle = 0\} \\ &= \{x \in H, \forall y \in H; \langle x, T^*y \rangle = 0\} \\ &= (\operatorname{Im} T^*)^\perp. \end{aligned}$$

2. From 1., we have

$$\ker(T^*) = [\operatorname{Im}(T^*)^*]^\perp = (\operatorname{Im} T)^\perp.$$

Therefore,

$$(\ker T^*)^\perp = [(\operatorname{Im} T)^\perp]^\perp = \overline{\operatorname{Im} T},$$

thus giving the result. □

Proposition II.16. *Let H be a Hilbert space and $T \in \mathcal{L}(H)$. Then, we have*

1.

$$\begin{aligned}\rho(T^*) &= \{\lambda \in \mathbb{K} \mid \bar{\lambda} \in \rho(T)\}, \\ \sigma(T^*) &= \{\lambda \in \mathbb{K} \mid \bar{\lambda} \in \sigma(T)\}.\end{aligned}$$

2.

$$\forall \lambda \in \rho(T^*), \quad R_\lambda(T^*) = (R_{\bar{\lambda}}(T))^*.$$

Proof. Let H be a Hilbert space and $T \in \mathcal{L}(H)$. Then, we have

1.

$$\begin{aligned}\rho(T^*) &= \{\lambda \in \mathbb{K}; (\lambda I - T^*) \text{ is invertible}\} \\ &= \{\lambda \in \mathbb{K}; (\bar{\lambda} I - T) \text{ is invertible}\} \\ &= \{\lambda \in \mathbb{K} \mid \bar{\lambda} \in \rho(T)\},\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma(T^*) &= (\rho(T^*))^c = \{\lambda \in \mathbb{K}; \bar{\lambda} \notin \rho(T)\} \\ &= \{\lambda \in \mathbb{K}; \bar{\lambda} \in \sigma(T)\}.\end{aligned}$$

2. Let $\lambda \in \rho(T^*)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}R_\lambda(T^*) &= (\lambda I - T^*)^{-1} = [(\bar{\lambda} I - T)^*]^{-1} \\ &= [(\bar{\lambda} I - T)^{-1}]^* = (R_{\bar{\lambda}}(T))^*,\end{aligned}$$

which is the expected equality. □

Definition II.20. *Let H be a Hilbert space and $T \in \mathcal{L}(H)$. Then, we have*

1. We say that T is a normal operator if it commutes with its adjoint, i.e.

$$T^*T = TT^*.$$

2. We say that T is a self-adjoint operator if $T = T^*$. (It is also called symmetric when $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}$, and Hermitian when $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}$.)

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Example II.16. Let $a = (a_n)_{n \geq 0} \in l^\infty(\mathbb{K})$ and T_a the operator defined on $H = l^2(\mathbb{K})$ by

$$\forall x = (x_n)_{n \geq 0} \in H; \quad T_a(x) = (a_n x_n)_{n \geq 0}.$$

It is clear that $T_a \in \mathcal{L}(H)$, which shows that T_a^* is well-defined. Moreover,

$$\forall x = (x_n)_{n \geq 0} \in H; \quad T_a^*(x) = (\overline{a_n} x_n)_{n \geq 0}.$$

In particular, T_a is self-adjoint if and only if $a \in l^\infty(\mathbb{R})$.

Remark II.7. 1. If T is self-adjoint, then for all $x \in H$, $\langle Tx, x \rangle \in \mathbb{R}$.

2. If $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}$, T is self-adjoint if and only if for all $x \in H$, $\langle Tx, x \rangle \in \mathbb{R}$.

Proposition II.17 (Eigenvalues of self-adjoint operators). Let $T \in \mathcal{L}(H)$ be a self-adjoint operator. Then,

1. $V_p(T) \subset \mathbb{R}$.
2. $\lambda \in V_p(T)$ if and only if $\overline{\text{Im}(\lambda I - T)} \neq H$.
3. If $\lambda, \mu \in V_p(T)$ with $\lambda \neq \mu$, then $\ker(\lambda I - T) \perp \ker(\mu I - T)$, i.e., the eigenspaces are pairwise orthogonal.

Proof. 1. If $\lambda \in V_p(T)$, then there exists $x \in H \setminus \{0\}$ such that $\lambda x = Tx$. Thus,

$$\lambda = \frac{\langle \lambda x, x \rangle}{\|x\|^2} = \frac{\langle Tx, x \rangle}{\|x\|^2} \in \mathbb{R}.$$

2. According to Proposition (II.15), we have

$$\overline{\text{Im}(\lambda I - T)} = (\ker(\lambda I - T)^*)^\perp = (\ker(\bar{\lambda} I - T^*))^\perp.$$

Since $V_p(T) \subset \mathbb{R}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda \in V_p(T) &\iff \bar{\lambda} \in V_p(T) \iff \ker(\bar{\lambda} I - T^*) \neq \{0\} \\ &\iff [\ker(\bar{\lambda} I - T^*)]^\perp \neq H = \overline{\text{Im}(\lambda I - T)}. \end{aligned}$$

3. If $x \in \ker(\lambda I - T)$ and $y \in \ker(\mu I - T)$, then $Tx = \lambda x$ and $Ty = \mu y$.

Since $T = T^*$ and $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (\lambda - \mu)\langle x, y \rangle &= \langle \lambda x, y \rangle - \langle x, \mu y \rangle \\ &= \langle Tx, y \rangle - \langle x, Ty \rangle \\ &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

which implies $\langle x, y \rangle = 0$ since $\lambda \neq \mu$.

In other words, $\ker(\lambda I - T) \perp \ker(\mu I - T)$.

□

II.15 Exercices

Exercise 1

Let E be a normed vector space, and let $T \in \mathcal{L}(E)$ be a compact linear operator. We denote by I the identity operator on E .

1. For $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$, $\alpha \neq 0$, define the subspace:

$$N_\alpha = \ker(T - \alpha I) = \{x \in E ; T(x) = \alpha x\}.$$

Prove that N_α is finite-dimensional using the Riesz theorem. (Recall: B_E compact $\iff \dim E < \infty$).

2. Let l_2 be the space of square-summable complex sequences. Consider the linear operator

$$S : l_2 \longrightarrow l_2$$

defined by

$$S(x) = (x_1, 0, x_3, 0, x_5, \dots).$$

Prove that S is not compact.

Exercise 2

Let E be a vector space equipped with two norms $\|\cdot\|_1$ and $\|\cdot\|_2$. Assume that E is a Banach space with respect to both norms.

Show that if

$$\|\cdot\|_2 \leq k\|\cdot\|_1,$$

then the two norms are equivalent.

Exercise 3

Let U and V be two Banach spaces, and let $T : U \longrightarrow V$ be a linear operator.

1. Define the norm

$$\|u\|_T = \|Tu\|_V + \|u\|_U.$$

Show that $(U, \|\cdot\|_T)$ is a normed space and a Banach space.

2. Prove that T is continuous if and only if the graph of T is closed.

II.16. Solved problem

II.16 Solved problem

Let $T : C_{00} \rightarrow C_{00}$ be defined by:

$$T(x) = \left(x_1, \frac{x_2}{2}, \frac{x_3}{3}, \frac{x_4}{4}, \dots \right),$$

where $x = (x_n) \in C_{00}$, the space of sequences with finitely many nonzero terms, equipped with the norm $\|x\|_\infty = \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |x_n|$.

1. Show that T is continuous and calculate $\|T\|$.
2. Show that T is bijective but T^{-1} is not continuous.
3. What can you conclude.

Solution

1. Show that T is linear, continuous and calculate $\|T\|$. Firstly, it's clear that T is linear.

Now, we need to show that T is continuous and calculate its norm.

The operator T is defined by

$$T(x) = \left(x_1, \frac{x_2}{2}, \frac{x_3}{3}, \dots \right).$$

The norm on C_{00} is given by

$$\|x\|_\infty = \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |x_n|.$$

We have

$$\|T(x)\|_\infty = \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \left| \frac{x_n}{n} \right| = \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{|x_n|}{n}.$$

Since $x \in C_{00}$, there exists an index N such that for all $n > N$, $x_n = 0$. Thus

$$\|T(x)\|_\infty = \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{|x_n|}{n} \leq \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{\|x\|_\infty}{n} = \|x\|_\infty.$$

Thus, T is continuous, and we have $\|T\| \leq 1$. On the other hand, let $e_1 = (1, 0, 0, \dots)$ be a vector. Thus $e_1 \in C_{00}$, $\|e_1\|_\infty = 1$, $T(e_1) = e_1$ and $\|T(e_1)\|_\infty = 1$. So,

$$\|T\| = \sup_{x \in C_{00}, \|x\|_\infty = 1} \|T(x)\|_\infty \geq \|T(e_1)\|_\infty = 1.$$

2. Show that T is bijective

- Injectivity of T : since $T(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$.
- Surjectivity of T : indeed if $y = (y_1, y_2, \dots) \in C_{00}$.
Let $u = (y_1, 2y_2, 3y_3, \dots) \in C_{00}$. Thus, $T(u) = y$. Thus, T^{-1} is defined by $T^{-1}(y) = (ny_n)$ for $y = (y_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*} \in C_{00}$.
- T^{-1} is not continuous. We consider, for $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$, the vector $v_n = (1, 1, \dots, 1, 0, 0, \dots)$, Thus $\|v_n\|_\infty = 1$, $T^{-1}(v_n) = (1, 2, 3, \dots, n, 0, 0, \dots)$ and $\|T^{-1}(v_n)\|_\infty = n$. Also,

$$\sup_{y \in C_{00}, \|y\|_\infty = 1} \|T^{-1}(y)\|_\infty \geq \|T^{-1}(v_n)\|_\infty = n \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}^*.$$

Which means that T^{-1} is not continuous.

3. Conclusion: We have a linear, continuous, and bijective operator on C_{00} , but its inverse is not continuous. We deduce, using the Banach Isomorphism Theorem, that C_{00} is not a Banach space.

Chapter III

Fundamental theorems of functional analysis

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III.1 The Baire category Theorem

Theorem III.1. [3] Let X be a complete metric space, and let $(X_n)_{n \geq 1}$ be a sequence of closed subsets of X . Suppose that

$$\text{int}(X_n) = \emptyset \quad \text{for all } n \geq 1.$$

Then,

$$\text{int} \left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n \right) = \emptyset.$$

In other words, in a complete metric space, a countable union of closed sets with empty interior also has an empty interior.

Proof. Let $O_n = (X_n)^c$. Then, O_n is open and dense, and we need to show that $G = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} O_n$ is dense in X . Let U be a nonempty open subset of X . We will prove that U intersects G at some point x , which is the limit of a sequence that we now define.

Step 0. Let $x_0 \in U$. Since U is open, there exists $r_0 > 0$ such that $B(x_0, r_0) \subseteq U$, where $B(x_0, r_0)$ is the open ball centered at x_0 with radius r_0 .

Step 1. Since O_1 is dense, it intersects $B(x_0, r_0)$ at a point x_1 . Since $O_1 \cap B(x_0, r_0)$ is open, there exists $r_1 > 0$ such that $B(x_1, r_1) \subseteq O_1 \cap B(x_0, r_0)$. We can choose r_1 such that $r_1 < \frac{r_0}{2}$.

Step 2. Since O_2 is dense, it intersects $B(x_1, r_1)$ at a point x_2 . Since $O_2 \cap B(x_1, r_1)$ is open, there exists $r_2 > 0$ such that $B(x_2, r_2) \subseteq O_2 \cap B(x_1, r_1)$. We can choose r_2 such that $r_2 < \frac{r_1}{2}$.

Continuing in this way, we construct two sequences (x_n) and (r_n) such that

$$B(x_{n+1}, r_{n+1}) \subseteq O_{n+1} \cap B(x_n, r_n) \quad \text{for all } n \geq 0$$

and

$$r_{n+1} < \frac{r_n}{2}.$$

It follows that $x_{n+p} \in B(x_n, r_n)$, i.e., $d(x_{n+p}, x_n) < r_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. This means that (x_n) is a Cauchy sequence. Since the space is complete, (x_n) converges to a limit x .

But since $x_{n+p} \in B(x_n, r_n)$ for all $n \geq 0$ and all $p \geq 0$, by letting $p \rightarrow \infty$, we get

$$x \in B(x_n, r_n) \quad \text{for all } n \geq 0.$$

By construction, $B(x_n, r_n) \subseteq O_n$ and $B(x_n, r_n) \subseteq B(x_0, r_0) \subseteq U$. Therefore, $x \in U \cap G$. $\square$

III.2. The Uniform Boundedness Principle

Remark III.1. *This theorem is often used in the following form. Let X be a complete metric space and (X_n) a sequence of closed subsets such that*

$$\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n = X.$$

Then, there exists a positive integer m such that $X_m \neq \emptyset$.

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Theorem III.2. [9][*The Uniform Boundedness Principle*] *Let E be a Banach space, F a normed space over the same field $\mathbb{K}$, and $\mathcal{A} \subset B(E, F)$ a non-empty set of bounded linear operators from E to F , such that*

$$\{A(x) \mid \text{for all } A \in \mathcal{A}\} \subset F$$

is bounded for every $x \in E$. Then the set $\mathcal{A}$ is bounded in $B(E, F)$.

Proof. Let $F_n = \{x \in E \mid \|A(x)\| \leq n, A \in \mathcal{A}\}$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$

Then, F_n is a closed set in E because if $\{x_m\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in F_n , thus $\|x_m - x\|_E \rightarrow 0$ (since E is complete).

For all $A \in \mathcal{A}$, we have $Ax_m \rightarrow Ax$, which gives $\|Ax_m\| \rightarrow \|Ax\|$ (the continuity of the norm).

On the other hand,

$$\|Ax\| = \lim_m \|Ax_m\| \leq \lim_{m \rightarrow +\infty} n = n.$$

So, $x \in F_n$ and F_n is closed.

• We now show that $E = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} F_n$.

Consider $x_0 \in E$ and $\sup\{\|Ax_0\|, A \in \mathcal{A}\} = M_0$.

Let n_0 be the first integer greater than or equal to M_0 , for all $A \in \mathcal{A}$, $\|Ax_0\| \leq n_0$, i.e. $x_0 \in F_{n_0} \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} F_n$, so $E = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} F_n$.

Since E is a Banach space and by the Baire Category Theorem, there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\overset{\circ}{F}_N \neq \emptyset$.

This implies the existence of $x_N \in \overset{\circ}{F}_N$ and $B(x_N, \rho) \subset F_N$, so $B_f(x_N, \rho) \subset F_N$. For $w \in E$, with $\|w\| \leq \rho$, we have $w + x_N \in B_f(x_N, \rho) \subset F_N$.

$$\begin{aligned}\forall A \in \mathcal{A}, \|A(w)\| &= \|A(w + x_N) - A(x_N)\| \\ &\leq \|A(w + x_N)\| + \|A(x_N)\| \\ &\leq N + N = 2N.\end{aligned}$$

For $x \in E$, we set $w = \rho \frac{x}{\|x\|}$. Then,

$$\forall A \in \mathcal{A}, \forall x \in E, \|A\left(\rho \frac{x}{\|x\|}\right)\| \leq 2N.$$

So,

$$\forall A \in \mathcal{A}, \forall x \in E, \|A(x)\| \leq \frac{2N}{\rho} \|x\|.$$

Hence, $\forall A \in \mathcal{A}, \|A\| \leq \frac{2N}{\rho}$ and $\mathcal{A}$ is bounded. □

Theorem III.3. [9] [*Banach-Steinhaus theorem*] Let E be a Banach space, F a normed space, and let $\{A_n\}_n \subset B(E, F)$ be a sequence of bounded linear operators. Suppose that $\{A_n(x)\}_n \subset F$ converges to $A(x) \subset F$ for all $x \in E$, then $A : E \rightarrow F$ is a continuous linear operator.

Proof. For all $x \in E$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}A(\alpha x + \beta y) &= \lim_n A_n(\alpha x + \beta y) \\ &= \alpha \lim_n A_n(x) + \beta \lim_n A_n(y) \\ &= \alpha A(x) + \beta A(y).\end{aligned}$$

Thus, A is linear. Since, for all $x \in E$, $\lim_n \|A_n(x)\| = \|A(x)\|$ implies that $\|A_n(x)\| \in \mathbb{R}$ is bounded for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. That is, for all $x \in E$, $\{\|A_n(x)\|, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is bounded. By the Uniform Boundedness Principle, $\|A_n\|$ is bounded for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Therefore, $\|A(x)\| = \lim_n \|A_n(x)\| = \liminf_n \|A_n(x)\| \leq \liminf_n \|A_n\| \|x\|$. Hence, $\forall x \in E, \|A(x)\| \leq K \|x\|$. □

III.3 Analytic Form of the Hahn-Banach Theorem

Definition III.1. We say that f is a convex or sublinear functional if f is a mapping from E to $\mathbb{K}$ satisfying:

- $f(x + y) \leq f(x) + f(y)$ (subadditive),
- $f(\alpha x) = \alpha f(x)$ (positively homogeneous),

for all x, y and for all $\alpha \geq 0$.

Remark III.2. A sublinear functional f on the space E has the following properties:

$$f(0) = 0 \text{ and } -f(-x) \leq f(x).$$

Indeed,

$$f(0 \cdot x) = 0 \cdot f(x)$$

and

$$0 = f(x + (-x)) \leq f(x) + f(-x),$$

from which we deduce that $-f(-x) \leq f(x)$.

Example III.1. Let $(E, \|\cdot\|)$ be a normed space. Then, the norm $\|\cdot\|$ is a convex functional on E .

Lemma III.1. Let E be a linear space over $\mathbb{R}$, M a proper subspace of E (i.e., $M \subsetneq E$), p a convex functional on E , and $f \in L(M, \mathbb{R})$ satisfying

$$f(x) \leq p(x), \quad \forall x \in M.$$

Fix $x_0 \in E \setminus M$ and set $M_1 = M \oplus [x_0]$. Then there exists an extension $F \in L(M_1, \mathbb{R})$ of f such that

$$F(x) \leq p(x), \text{ for all } x \in M_1.$$

Proof. For $m_1, m_2 \in M$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(m_1) - f(m_2) &\leq p(m_1 - m_2) \\ &\leq p(m_1 - x_0 + x_0 - m_2) \\ &\leq p(m_1 + x_0) + p(-(x_0 + m_2)). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$-f(m_2) - p(-(x_0 + m_2)) \leq p(m_1 + x_0) - f(m_1)$$

and

$$\alpha = \sup_{m_2 \in M} (-f(m_2) - p(-(x_0 + m_2))) \leq \beta = \inf_{m_1 \in M} (p(m_1 + x_0) - f(m_1)).$$

Let us choose $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$, such that

$$\alpha \leq \gamma \leq \beta.$$

Then for all $z \in M$, we have

$$(-f(z) - p(-(x_0 + z))) \leq \gamma \leq p(z + x_0) - f(z). \quad (\text{III.3.1})$$

If $x \in M_1 = M \oplus [x_0]$, then x can be written uniquely as

$$x = m + \lambda x_0, \quad m \in M \text{ and } \lambda \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Now, we define the functional $F : M_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$F(x) = f(m) + \lambda \gamma.$$

- If $\lambda = 0$,

$$F(x) = F(m + 0 \cdot x_0) = f(m) \leq p(m),$$

so $F|_M = f$.

- If $\lambda > 0$.

For all $x \in E$, let $z = \frac{m}{\lambda}$, then the right side of (III.3.1) becomes

$$\gamma \leq p\left(\frac{m}{\lambda} + x_0\right) - f\left(\frac{m}{\lambda}\right). \quad (\text{III.3.2})$$

By multiplying (III.3.2) by $\lambda > 0$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda \gamma &\leq p(m + x_0) \\ f(m) + \lambda \gamma &\leq p(m + x_0), \end{aligned}$$

which implies $F(x) \leq p(x)$.

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- If $\lambda < 0$. From the first term in (III.3.1) and for $z = \frac{m}{\lambda}$, we have

$$\gamma \geq -p\left(-\frac{m}{\lambda} - x_0\right) - f\left(\frac{m}{\lambda}\right). \quad (\text{III.3.3})$$

Multiplying (III.3.3) by $\lambda < 0$, we obtain

$$-\lambda p\left(-\frac{m}{\lambda} - x_0\right) - \lambda f\left(\frac{m}{\lambda}\right) \geq \lambda \gamma, \quad (\text{III.3.4})$$

which implies that $F(x) \leq p(x)$.

□

Theorem III.4. [1][*Hahn-Banach*] Let E be a vector space over the field $\mathbb{R}$ and M a subspace of E . Let p be a convex functional on E and $f \in L(E, \mathbb{R})$ such that

$$f(x) \leq p(x) \quad \forall x \in M.$$

Then there exists $F \in L(E, \mathbb{R})$ such that

- (i) $F|_M = f$,
- (ii) $F(x) \leq p(x)$ for all $x \in E$.

As a consequence of the Hahn-Banach theorem, we have the following result.

Theorem III.5. Let E be a real vector space, $x_0 \in E$ a fixed element, and $p : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ a sublinear functional. Then, there exists $f \in L(E, \mathbb{R})$ such that:

- (i) $f(x_0) = p(x_0)$,
- (ii) $f(x) \leq p(x)$ for all $x \in E$.

Proof. • If $x_0 = 0$, we take $f = 0$.

- Let $x_0 \neq 0$ and $M = [x_0] = \{\lambda x_0 : \lambda \in \mathbb{R}\}$. Define $f_0 : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$f_0(\lambda x_0) = \lambda p(x_0) \quad \text{for all } x = \lambda x_0 \in M.$$

Then, $f_0 \in L(E, \mathbb{R})$ and $f(x_0) = p(x_0)$.

Now, we show (ii).

Let $x \in M$, i.e., $x = \lambda x_0$. Then,

- If $\lambda \geq 0$, we have

$$f_0(\lambda x_0) = \lambda p(x_0) = p(x).$$

- If $\lambda < 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} f_0(x) &= f_0(\lambda x_0) = \lambda p(x_0) \\ &= -\lambda p(x_0) = -p(-\lambda x_0) \\ &\leq p(\lambda x_0). \end{aligned}$$

The Hahn-Banach theorem implies the existence of $f \in L(E, \mathbb{R})$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} f|_M &= f_0 \quad \text{i.e., } f(x_0) = f_0(x_0) = p(x_0), \\ f(x) &\leq p(x) \quad \text{for all } x \in E. \end{aligned}$$

□

Theorem III.6. [9] *Let E be a normed vector space, M a subspace of E , and f a bounded linear functional on M . Then, there exists a bounded linear extension F of f to E such that $\|F\| = \|f\|$.*

Proof. Let $(E, \|\cdot\|)$ be a normed vector space, M a subspace of E , and $f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ a bounded linear functional. Define a sublinear functional $p : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $p(x) = \|f\|\|x\|$. Since $|f(x)| \leq \|f\|\|x\|$ for all $x \in M$, we have $f(x) \leq p(x)$ for all $x \in M$. By Theorem III.5, there exists a bounded linear extension $F : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ of f such that $F(x) \leq p(x)$ for all $x \in E$. Since $\forall x \in E, -F(x) = F(-x) \leq p(-x) = p(x)$. This implies that $\forall x \in E; |F(x)| \leq p(x)$ and $\|F\| \leq \|f\|$.

On the other hand,

$$\|F\| = \sup_{\substack{\|x\| \leq 1 \\ x \in E}} |F(x)| \geq \sup_{\substack{\|x\| \leq 1 \\ x \in M}} |f(x)| = \|f\|.$$

Hence, $\|F\| = \|f\|$.

□

Example III.2. Let $X = \mathbb{R}^2$ equipped with the infinity norm $\|\cdot\|$, defined as

$$\|(x_1, x_2)\| = \max(|x_1|, |x_2|).$$

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Consider the subspace $Y = \{(x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x_2 = 0\}$, which corresponds to the first coordinate of $\mathbb{R}^2$. Define a linear functional $f : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ as

$$f(x_1, 0) = 3x_1, \quad \text{for all } x_1 \in \mathbb{R}.$$

We can verify that f is bounded on Y with respect to the infinity norm, since

$$|f(x_1, 0)| = |3x_1| = 3|x_1| \leq 3\|(x_1, 0)\|.$$

Thus, f is a bounded linear functional on Y with norm $\|f\| = 3$.

Our goal is to extend f to a functional $F : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined on all of X such that F remains linear and $\|F\| = 3$. In other words, we seek F such that

$$F(x_1, x_2) = f(x_1, 0) = 3x_1 \quad \text{for all } (x_1, 0) \in Y$$

and

$$|F(x_1, x_2)| \leq 3\|(x_1, x_2)\| \quad \text{for all } (x_1, x_2) \in X.$$

Solution using the Hahn-Banach Theorem The Hahn-Banach Theorem guarantees that such an extension F exists with the same norm, $\|F\| = 3$.

We define F as follows

$$F(x_1, x_2) = 3x_1.$$

To verify that this extension satisfies the required conditions:

1. **Compatibility** with f : For all $(x_1, 0) \in Y$, we have

$$F(x_1, 0) = 3x_1 = f(x_1, 0).$$

So F extends f on Y .

2. **Boundedness**: We need to verify that $|F(x_1, x_2)| \leq 3\|(x_1, x_2)\|$ for all $(x_1, x_2) \in X$. Indeed,

$$|F(x_1, x_2)| = |3x_1| \leq 3\max(|x_1|, |x_2|) = 3\|(x_1, x_2)\|.$$

This shows that $\|F\| \leq 3$. Thus, $F(x_1, x_2) = 3x_1$ is an extension of f to X that satisfies the conditions of the Hahn-Banach Theorem. Therefore, F is the desired functional.

As an important consequence of the Hahn-Banach Theorem, we state the following result.

Corollary III.1. Let E be a normed space, $x_0 \in E \setminus \{0\}$, and $\mu_0 > 0$. Then, there exists a linear and continuous functional on E such that

$$F(x_0) = \mu_0\|x_0\| \quad \text{and} \quad \|F\| = \mu_0.$$

Proof. Let M be the subspace spanned by x_0 , i.e., $M = [x_0]$. We define the functional $f(x) = f(\lambda x_0) = \mu_0 \lambda \|x_0\|$, where $x \in M$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{K}$. Obviously, $f(x_0) = \mu_0 \|x_0\|$ and

$$\|f\| = \sup_{\substack{x \neq 0 \\ x \in M}} \frac{|f(x)|}{\|x\|} = \sup_{\lambda \neq 0} \frac{\mu_0 \lambda \|x_0\|}{\lambda \|x_0\|} = \mu_0.$$

According to Theorem III.6, there exists a unique extension F of the functional f such that

$$F(x_0) = \mu_0 \|x_0\| \quad \text{and} \quad \|F\| = \mu_0.$$

□

III.4 Geometric Form of the Hahn-Banach Theorem: Separation of Convex Sets

Definition III.2. A hyperplane is a set of the form

$$H = \{x \in E : f(x) = \alpha\},$$

where f is a linear form on E , not identically zero, and $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$. We say that H is a hyperplane with the equation $[f = \alpha]$.

Proposition III.1. [1] The hyperplane with equation $[f = \alpha]$ is closed if and only if f is continuous.

Proof. It is clear that if f is continuous, H is closed. Conversely, suppose that CH , the complement of H , is open and non-empty. Let $x_0 \in CH$, and assume, for example, that $f(x_0) < \alpha$. Let $r > 0$ such that $B(x_0, r) \subset CH$. We have

$$f(x) < \alpha, \quad \text{for all } x \in B(x_0, r). \quad (\text{III.4.1})$$

Indeed, suppose that $f(x_1) > \alpha$ for some $x_1 \in B(x_0, r)$. The line segment: $[x_0, x_1] = \{x_t = (1-t)x_0 + tx_1, \quad t \in [0, 1]\} \subset B(x_0, r)$, thus $f(x_t) \neq \alpha \quad \forall t \in [0, 1]$. Moreover, $f(x_t) = \alpha$, for $t = \frac{f(x_1) - \alpha}{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}$, which is absurd, so (III.4.1) is proven. It follows from (III.4.1) that

$$f(x_0 + rz) < \alpha, \quad \forall z \in B(0, 1).$$

Consequently, f is continuous and $\|f\| \leq \frac{1}{r}(\alpha - f(x_0))$. □

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Definition III.3. Let $A \subset E$ and $B \subset E$. We say that the hyperplane with equation $[f = \alpha]$ separates A and B if

$$f(x) \leq \alpha \quad \forall x \in A \quad \text{and} \quad f(x) \geq \alpha \quad \forall x \in B.$$

We say that the hyperplane with equation $[f = \alpha]$ separates A and B in the strict sense if there exists $\varepsilon > 0$ such that

$$f(x) \leq \alpha - \varepsilon \quad \forall x \in A \quad \text{and} \quad f(x) \geq \alpha + \varepsilon \quad \forall x \in B.$$

Theorem III.7. [3] *[Geometric Form of the Hahn-Banach Theorem: Separation of Convex Sets]* Let A and B be disjoint, non-empty, convex subsets of a topological vector space E , with A open. Then, there exists a closed hyperplane separating A and B .

For the proof of this theorem, we shall require the following two lemmas:

Lemma III.2. *[Gauge of a convex set]*

Let $C \subset E$ be an open convex set with $0 \in C$. For every $x \in E$, define

$$p(x) = \inf \{ \alpha > 0, \alpha^{-1}x \in C \}.$$

We say that p is the Gauge of C .

Then p satisfies the following properties:

1. $p(tx) = tp(x) \quad t > 0 \quad x \in E$.
2. $p(x) < 1 \iff x \in C$.
3. $p(x + y) \leq p(x) + p(y) \quad x, y \in E$.
4. $0 \leq p(x) \leq M\|x\|, \quad \forall x \in E$.

Proof. 1. Obvious.

2. Suppose first that $x \in C$. Since C is open, $(1 + \varepsilon)x \in C$ for sufficiently small ε . Thus, $p(x) \leq \frac{1}{1+\varepsilon} < 1$.

Reciprocally, if $p(x) < 1$, there exists $0 < \alpha < 1$ such that $\alpha^{-1}x \in C$, so $x = \alpha(\alpha^{-1}x) + (1 - \alpha)0 \in C$.

3. Let $x, y \in E$ and $\varepsilon > 0$. By (1) and (2), we have $\frac{x}{p(x)+\varepsilon} \in C$ and $\frac{y}{p(y)+\varepsilon} \in C$, so,

$$\frac{tx}{p(x) + \varepsilon} + \frac{(1-t)y}{p(y) + \varepsilon} \in C \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, 1].$$

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In particular, for $t = \frac{p(x)+\varepsilon}{p(x)+p(y)+2\varepsilon}$, we obtain $\frac{x+y}{p(x)+p(y)+2\varepsilon} \in C$.
It follows, thanks to (1) and (2), that

$$p(x+y) \leq p(x) + p(y) + 2\varepsilon \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0,$$

which gives (3).

4. Let $r > 0$ such that $B(0, r) \subset C$.

Since $r \frac{x}{\|x\|} \in C$, we have $p(x) \leq \frac{1}{r} \|x\|$, for all $x \in E$.

□

Lemma III.3. *Let C be a non-empty open convex set, and let $x_0 \in E$ with $x_0 \notin C$. Then, there exists $f \in E'$ such that*

$$f(x) < f(x_0) \quad \text{for all } x \in C.$$

Proof. Suppose that $0 \in C$ and introduce the gauge of C , denoted by p . Consider $G = \mathbb{R}x_0$ and the linear functional g defined on G by $g(tx_0) = t$ for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$. It is clear that $g(x) \leq p(x)$ for all $x \in G$. By the Hahn-Banach theorem, there exists a linear functional f extending g to E such that: $f(x) \leq p(x)$, for all $x \in E$. In particular, $f(x_0) = 1$ and f is continuous thanks to (4). On the other hand, it follows from (2) that $f(x) < 1$, for all $x \in C$. □

Proof. of Theorem (III.7): Let $C = A - B$, so that C is a convex and open set (note that $C = \cup_{y \in B} (A - y)$ and $0 \notin C$ since $A \cap B = \emptyset$).

According to Lemma (III.3), there exists $f \in E'$ such that $f(z) < 0$, for all $z \in C$. This means $f(x) < f(y)$ for all $x \in A$, $y \in B$.

Now, fix $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\sup_{x \in A} f(x) \leq \alpha \leq \inf_{y \in B} f(y)$, and thus, the hyperplane defined by the equation $[f = \alpha]$ separates A and B . □

Theorem III.8. *[1][**Banach, Second Geometric Form**] Let $A \subset E$ and $B \subset E$ be two non-empty, convex, and disjoint sets. Assume that A is closed and B is compact. Then, there exists a closed hyperplane that strictly separates A and B .*

In other words, there exists a continuous linear functional $f \in E'$ and constants $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$f(x) \leq \alpha \quad \text{for all } x \in A \quad \text{and} \quad f(y) \geq \beta \quad \text{for all } y \in B,$$

with $\alpha < \beta$.

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Proof. Let $C = A - B$. First, C is convex. Second, C is closed. Indeed, let $c \in C$. Then, there exist two sequences (x_n) and (y_n) in A and B , respectively, such that $x_n - y_n \rightarrow c$. Since B is compact, the sequence (y_n) has a subsequence that converges to some $y \in B$. Without loss of generality, we denote this subsequence by (y_n) .

Now, the sequence (x_n) converges to some $x := c + y$. Since A is closed, we have $x \in A$. It follows that $c = x - y \in A - B = C$. Third, $0 \notin C$ because $A \cap B = \emptyset$. Therefore, there exists $r > 0$ such that $B(0, r) \cap C = \emptyset$. By the previous theorem, there exists $f \in E'$ with $f \neq 0$ such that

$$f(x - y) \leq f(rz), \quad \forall x \in A, \forall y \in B, \forall z \in B(0, 1).$$

(This implies that f separates $rB(0, 1)$ and C .)

This means that

$$f(x - y) \leq rf(z), \quad \forall z \in B_E.$$

Recall that $\inf_{z \in B_E} f(z) = -\|f\|$. It follows that

$$f(x - y) \leq r \inf_{z \in B_E} f(z) = -r\|f\|, \quad \forall x \in A, \forall y \in B.$$

Let $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2}r\|f\|$. Then

$$f(x) + \varepsilon \leq f(y) - \varepsilon, \quad \forall x \in A, \forall y \in B.$$

Choosing β such that

$$\sup_{x \in A} f(x) + \varepsilon \leq \beta \leq \inf_{y \in B} f(y) - \varepsilon,$$

we see that the hyperplane $[f = \beta]$ strictly separates A and B . □

Corollary III.2. *Let $F \subset E$ be a vector subspace such that $\overline{F} \neq E$. Then, there exists $f \in E'$ with $f \neq 0$ such that*

$$\langle f, x \rangle = 0, \quad \forall x \in F.$$

Proof. Let $x_0 \in E$ and $x_0 \notin \overline{F}$. We apply Theorem (III.8) with $A = \overline{F}$ and $B = \{x_0\}$. There exists a linear functional $f \in E'$ such that the hyperplane with equation $[f = \alpha]$ strictly separates $\overline{F}$ and $\{x_0\}$. We have

$$\langle f, x \rangle < \alpha < \langle f, x_0 \rangle, \quad x \in F.$$

Thus, it follows that $\langle f, x \rangle = 0$, for all $x \in F$.

Since, for all $x \in F$, we have $\lambda \langle f, x \rangle < \alpha$ for every $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$, ($\mathbb{R}$ will be bounded). □

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Theorem III.9. *Every closed subspace of a reflexive space is reflexive.*

Proof. We recall that a Banach space X is reflexive if the map $X \rightarrow X^{**}$ given by $x \mapsto (x^* \mapsto \langle x^*, x \rangle)$ is surjective.

Proof. We want to show that for any $y^{**} \in Y^{**}$, there exists $y_0 \in Y$ such that

$$\langle y^{**}, y^* \rangle = \langle y^*, y_0 \rangle \quad \text{for all } y^* \in Y^*.$$

To prove this, given y^{**} , define $x^{**} \in X^{**}$ by

$$\langle x^{**}, x^* \rangle = \langle y^{**}, x^*|_Y \rangle.$$

By the reflexivity of X , there exists $x_0 \in X$ such that

$$\langle y^{**}, x^*|_Y \rangle = \langle x^{**}, x^* \rangle = \langle x^*, x_0 \rangle \tag{1}$$

for any $x^* \in X^*$. It remains to show that $x_0 \in Y$.

Assume to the contrary that $x_0 \notin Y$. Then apply the Hahn-Banach Theorem (noting that Y is a closed subspace of X) to get an $x_0^* \in X^*$ such that $x_0^*|_Y \equiv 0$ and $\langle x_0^*, x_0 \rangle > 0$. Substituting this x_0^* into (1), we see that

$$0 = \langle y^{**}, x_0^*|_Y \rangle = \langle x^{**}, x_0^* \rangle = \langle x_0^*, x_0 \rangle > 0,$$

which is a contradiction. Therefore, $x_0 \in Y$, and the proof is complete. $\square$

III.5 Exercises

Exercise 1 Show that, for every $x_0 \in E$, there exists $f_0 \in E'$ such that

$$\|f_0\| = \|x_0\| \quad \text{and} \quad f_0(x_0) = \|x_0\|^2.$$

Exercise 2 Let $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ be a normed space and let $X_0 \subset X$ be a linear subspace of X such that $\overline{X_0} \neq X$. Let $x_0 \in X - \overline{X_0}$ be a fixed element and

$$d = \text{dis}(x_0, \overline{X_0}) = \inf_{y \in \overline{X_0}} \|x_0 - y\|.$$

Show that there exists a linear functional f such that

$$f|_{\overline{X_0}} = 0, \quad \|f\| = 1, \quad \text{and} \quad f(x_0) = d.$$

Exercise 3

1. Show that if B is a subset of a Banach space (say, complex) E such that

$$\sup_{x \in B} |\varphi(x)| < +\infty$$

for every $\varphi \in E^*$, then B is a bounded subset of E . (Hint: Consider the continuous linear functionals $\hat{x} \in E^{**}$ associated with elements $x \in B$).

2. Let $U = (u_n)_{n \geq 1}$ be a sequence of complex numbers. Assume that for every sequence $a = (a_n)_{n \geq 1}$ such that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|^2 < +\infty$, the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n u_n$ converges. Show that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |u_n|^2 < +\infty.$$

(Hint: Prove that the partial sums of the series are uniformly bounded.)

Exercise 4

Let E be a vector space, and let f, g be linear functionals from E to $\mathbb{R}$. Assume that

$$\ker f \subset \ker g.$$

We want to show that $g = \lambda f$.

1. Consider the map $\varphi : E \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ defined by:

$$\varphi(x) = (f(x), g(x)).$$

Prove that $(0, 1) \notin \text{Im}(\varphi)$.

2. Separate $(0, 1)$ and $\text{Im}(\varphi)$ by a hyperplane in $\mathbb{R}^2$.
3. Conclude the result.

Exercise 5 Let X be a real normed vector space, and let $C \subseteq X$ be a closed convex set.

1. Let $(\varphi_i)_{i \in I}$ be a family of affine functions on C with real values, such that

$$\sup_{x \in C} \varphi_i(x) < \infty \quad \text{for all } i \in I.$$

Prove that the function $u = \sup_{i \in I} \varphi_i$ is convex.

2. Let $u : C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous convex function.

- (a) Show that the set

$$\varphi = \{(x, a) \in C \times \mathbb{R} : u(x) \leq a\}$$

is a closed convex subset of $C \times \mathbb{R}$.

- (b) Let $x_0 \in C$. Prove that for every $r < u(x_0)$, there exist $x^* \in X^*$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$x^*(x) + \lambda a < x^*(x_0) + \lambda r \quad \text{for all } (x, a) \in C \times \mathbb{R}.$$

III.6 Solved problem

We aim, for $1 < p < \infty$, to find the dual of ℓ^p . Let $x = (x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of complex numbers such that the series

$$\sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} x_n y_n$$

is convergent for every $y = (y_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in \ell^p$, ($1 < p < \infty$).

1. For an integer $N \geq 0$, compute the norm of the linear functional $U_N : \ell^p \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ defined by

$$U_N(y) = \sum_{n=0}^N x_n y_n, \quad \forall y \in \ell^p.$$

(Use the Minkowski inequality.)

2. Deduce that $x \in \ell^q$, where $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$. (Use the Banach-Steinhaus Theorem.)
3. U is defined on ℓ^p by

$$U(y) = \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} x_n y_n.$$

Find the limit of $\|U - U_N\|$ as $N \rightarrow \infty$.

4. Identify the dual of ℓ^p .
5. Identify the dual of ℓ^1 .
6. Identify the dual of $c_0 = \{x = (x_n)_n : x_n \rightarrow 0\}$ with $\|x\| = \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*} |x_n|$.

Solution

1. $U_N(y) = \sum_{n=1}^N x_n y_n$ is a finite sum to which we can apply Hölder's inequality (P 1.5). q is associated with p by $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$. Then

$$|U_N(y)| \leq \left(\sum_{j=1}^N |x_j|^q \right)^{1/q} \left(\sum_{j=1}^N |y_j|^p \right)^{1/p} \leq \left(\sum_{j=1}^N |x_j|^q \right)^{1/q} \|y\|_p.$$

Thus, we have $\|U_N\| \leq \rho_N$, establishing the continuity of U_N .

We choose $y = (y_n)$ such that $x_n y_n = |x_n|^q$ for $n \leq N$ and $y_n = 0$ for $n > N$. Then

$$|U_N(y)| = \sum_{n=1}^N |x_n|^q = \rho_N^q$$

and

$$\|y\|_p = \left(\sum_{n=1}^N |y_n|^p \right)^{1/p} = \left(\sum_{n=1}^N |x_n|^p (q-1) \right)^{1/p} = \left(\sum_{n=1}^N |x_n|^q \right)^{1/p} = (\rho_N)^{q/p}.$$

Thus, we obtain that

$$\rho_N^q = |U_N(y)| \leq \|U_N\| \|y\|_p = \|U_N\| (\rho_N)^{q/p},$$

which implies $\|U_N\| \geq (\rho_N)^{q-q/p} = \rho_N$, showing that $\|U_N\| = \rho_N = \left(\sum_{n=1}^N |x_n|^q \right)^{1/q}$.

2. Since the sequence $x = (x_n)_n$ satisfies

$$\forall y = (y_n)_n \in \ell^p, \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} |x_n y_n| = M_y < +\infty,$$

we have

$$\forall y \in \ell^p, \forall N \in \mathbb{N}, |U_N(y)| \leq M_y,$$

and therefore

$$\sup_N |U_N(y)| \leq M_y.$$

By the Banach-Steinhaus Theorem (P 2.13), $\sup_N \|U_N\| < \infty$, which implies

$$\left(\sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} |x_n|^q \right)^{1/q} < \infty,$$

and thus $x \in \ell^q$.

3. We have

$$\begin{aligned} |(U - U_N)(y)| &= \sum_{n=N+1}^{+\infty} x_n y_n \\ &\leq \left(\sum_{n=N+1}^{+\infty} |x_n|^q \right)^{1/q} \left(\sum_{n=N+1}^{+\infty} |y_n|^p \right)^{1/p} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\leq \left(\sum_{n=N+1}^{+\infty} |x_n|^q \right)^{1/q} \|y\|_p.$$

Thus, $\|U - U_N\| \leq \left(\sum_{n=N+1}^{+\infty} |x_n|^q \right)^{1/q} \rightarrow 0$, as the remainder of a convergent series. Moreover, $\|U\| = \|(x_n)_n\|_q$.

4. Let $f \in (\ell^p)^*$ be a continuous linear form, and $(e_n)_n$ the "canonical basis" of ℓ^p . Then, for $x = (x_n)_n \in \ell^p$, we have

$$x = \sum_n x_n e_n \quad \text{and thus} \quad f(x) = \sum_n x_n f(e_n).$$

Let $f_n = f(e_n)$. The sequence $\varphi = (f_n)_n$ satisfies

$$\forall (x_n)_n \in \ell^p, \sum_n |x_n f_n| < \infty.$$

From (2), $\varphi \in \ell^q$. And from (3), $\|f\| = \|(f_n)_n\|_q = \|\varphi\|_q$.

Let $\varphi : (\ell^p)^* \rightarrow \ell^q$ be defined by $\varphi(f) = (f_n)_n = \varphi$. The map φ is linear, and we have

$$\|\varphi(f)\|_q = \|(f_n)_n\|_q = \|f\|.$$

It follows that φ is an isometry, and in particular, it is continuous and injective. For the surjectivity, let $y = (y_n)_n \in \ell^q$. Define

$$f(x) = \sum_n x_n y_n, \quad x = (x_n)_n \in \ell^p.$$

Then f is well-defined, linear, continuous, and we have $f_n = f(e_n) = y_n$, hence $\varphi(f) = (y_n)_n = y$.

Finally, $(\ell^p)^*$ is isometrically isomorphic to ℓ^q . Thus: $1 < p < \infty \implies (\ell^p)^{**} = (\ell^q)^* = \ell^p$. We then say that ℓ^p is reflexive.

5. Let $f \in (\ell^1)^*$ and $f_n = f(e_n)$, where $(e_n)_n$ is the canonical basis of ℓ^1 . For all integers $n \geq 1$, we have

$$|f_n| \leq \|f\| \|e_n\|_1 = \|f\|.$$

Thus, $(f_n)_n \in \ell^\infty$ and $\|(f_n)_n\|_\infty \leq \|f\|$.

If $x = (x_n)_n \in \ell^1$ is arbitrary, then

$$f(x) = f\left(\sum_n x_n e_n\right) = \sum_n x_n f(e_n) = \sum_n x_n f_n.$$

Therefore,

$$|f(x)| \leq \|(f_n)_n\|_\infty \|x\|_1 \quad \text{and} \quad \|f\| \leq \|(f_n)_n\|_\infty.$$

Thus, $\|f\| = \|(f_n)_n\|_\infty$.

The map $\varphi : (\ell^1)^* \rightarrow \ell^\infty$ defined by $\varphi(f) = (f_n)_n$ is well-defined, linear, and

$$\|\varphi(f)\|_\infty = \|(f_n)_n\|_\infty = \|f\|.$$

Thus, φ is an isometry, and therefore it is continuous and injective.

Now let $y = (y_n)_n \in \ell^\infty$. Define f by

$$f(x) = \sum_n x_n y_n, \quad x = (x_n)_n \in \ell^1.$$

Then f is linear and also continuous, because

$$|f(x)| \leq \sum_n |y_n| |x_n| \leq \|y\|_\infty \|x\|_1.$$

Thus, $f \in (\ell^1)^*$ and $\varphi(f) = y$, which shows that φ is surjective.

Finally, we have shown that $(\ell^1)^*$ is isometrically isomorphic to ℓ^∞ , written as $(\ell^1)^* = \ell^\infty$.

6. Consider the space $c_0 = \{(x_n)_n \in \ell^\infty; x_n \rightarrow 0\}$ equipped with the norm $\|\cdot\|_\infty$, and let $f \in (c_0)^*$. Define $f_n = f(e_n)$, where $(e_n)_n$ is the "canonical basis" of c_0 . Define the elements $x^{(N)}$ of c_0 by

$$x_n^{(N)} = \begin{cases} \frac{f(e_n)}{|f(e_n)|} & \text{if } n \leq N \text{ and } f(e_n) \neq 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^N |f(e_n)| &= \sum_{n=1}^N f(e_n) \left[\frac{f(e_n)}{|f(e_n)|} \right] \\ &= f \left(\sum_{n=1}^N \frac{f(e_n)}{|f(e_n)|} e_n \right) \\ &= f(x^{(N)}) \leq \|f\| \|x^{(N)}\|_\infty = \|f\|. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $(f_n)_n \in \ell^1$ and $\|(f_n)_n\|_1 \leq \|f\|$.

For $x = (x_n)_n \in c_0$,

$$f(x) = f \left(\sum_n x_n e_n \right) = \sum_n x_n f(e_n) = \sum_n x_n f_n.$$

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Therefore,

$$|f(x)| \leq \|x\|_\infty \|(f_n)_n\|_1 \quad \text{and hence} \quad \|f\| \leq \|(f_n)_n\|_1.$$

Finally, $\|f\| = \|(f_n)_n\|_1$.

The map $\varphi : (c_0)^* \rightarrow \ell^1$, defined by $\varphi(f) = (f_n)_n$, is well-defined, linear, and

$$\|\varphi(f)\|_1 = \|(f_n)_n\|_1 = \|f\|.$$

Thus, it is an isometry, and therefore continuous and injective.

Now let $y = (y_n)_n \in \ell^1$. Define

$$f : c_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \quad \text{by} \quad f(x) = \sum_n x_n y_n, \quad x = (x_n)_n \in c_0.$$

Then f is linear and continuous because

$$|f(x)| \leq \sum_n |y_n| |x_n| \leq \|x\|_\infty \|y\|_1.$$

Thus, $f \in (c_0)^*$ and $\varphi(f) = y$, which shows that φ is surjective.

Finally, we have shown that $(c_0)^*$ is isometrically isomorphic to ℓ^1 , written as:

$$(c_0)^* = \ell^1.$$

Remark III.3. (a) We have $\ell^1 \subseteq c_0 \subseteq \ell^\infty$, $(\ell^1)^* = \ell^\infty$, and $(c_0)^* = \ell^1$.

(b) $\ell^1 \subset (\ell^\infty)^*$, but $(\ell^\infty)^* \not\cong \ell^1$ (See Ch. III, Ex. III.2).

(c) c_0 and ℓ^1 are separable (i.e., they contain a countable dense subset), but ℓ^∞ is not separable.

Chapter IV

Different types of convergence

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IV.1. The smallest topology making continuous a collection of maps

IV.1 The smallest topology making continuous a collection of maps

Let X be a set, and let $(Y_i)_{i \in I}$ be a family of topological spaces. For each $i \in I$, suppose we are given a map

$$\varphi_i : X \longrightarrow Y_i.$$

Question: Is it possible to equip X with a topology that makes all the maps $(\varphi_i)_{i \in I}$ continuous?

Answer: Yes, it is possible. We can define the topology

$$\tau = \left\{ \bigcup_{\text{arbitrary}} \bigcap_{\text{finite}} \varphi_i^{-1}(W_i) \mid W_i \text{ is open in } Y_i \right\}.$$

This topology is the coarsest (or weakest) topology on X that makes each φ_i continuous.

Given a point $x \in X$, a neighborhood basis at x in the topology τ can be constructed by taking sets of the form

$$\bigcap_{\text{finite}} \varphi_i^{-1}(V_i),$$

where V_i is a neighborhood of $\varphi_i(x)$ in Y_i .

Proposition IV.1. [1] Let x_n be a sequence in X . Then

$$x_n \xrightarrow[n]{} x \quad \text{if and only if} \quad \varphi_i(x_n) \xrightarrow[n]{} \varphi_i(x) \quad \forall i \in I.$$

Proof. If $x_n \xrightarrow[n]{} x$ then $\varphi_i(x_n) \xrightarrow[n]{} \varphi_i(x)$ for all $i \in I$.

Conversely, let U be a neighborhood of x in X . According to the previous argument, there exists a neighborhood

$$x \in W = \bigcap_{i \in J \text{ (finite)}} \varphi_i^{-1}(V_i) \subset U,$$

where each V_i is a neighborhood of $\varphi_i(x)$ for all $i \in J$.

Thus, for each $i \in J$, there exists an integer N_i such that

$$\varphi_i(x_n) \in V_i \quad \text{for all } n \geq N_i.$$

Let $N = \max_{i \in J} N_i$. Then,

$$\forall n \geq N, x_n \in U, \quad \text{i.e.,} \quad x_n \xrightarrow[n]{} x \quad \text{for the topology } \tau.$$

□

Proposition IV.2. [1] *Let Z be a topological space, and let ψ be a map from Z to X . Then, ψ is continuous if and only if $\varphi_i \circ \psi$ is continuous from Z to Y_i for each $i \in I$.*

Proof. If ψ is continuous, then $\varphi_i \circ \psi$ is also continuous for each $i \in I$. Conversely, let U be an open set in X , and let us show that $\psi^{-1}(U)$ is open in Z . We know that U is of the form

$$U = \bigcup_{\text{arbitrary finite}} \bigcap \varphi_i^{-1}(w_i), \quad w_i \text{ open in } Y_i.$$

Thus,

$$\psi^{-1}(U) = \bigcup_{\text{arbitrary finite}} \bigcap \psi^{-1} \circ \varphi_i^{-1}(w_i) = \bigcup_{\text{arbitrary finite}} \bigcap (\varphi_i \circ \psi)^{-1}(w_i).$$

This is open in Z because each map $\varphi_i \circ \psi$ is continuous. $\square$

IV.2 Definition and Elementary Properties of the Weak Topology $\sigma(E, E')$

Let E be a Banach space and let $f \in E'$. We denote by $\varphi_f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ the map defined by $\varphi_f(x) = \langle f, x \rangle$.

When f varies over E' , we obtain a family $(\varphi_f)_{f \in E'}$ of maps from E to $\mathbb{R}$.

Definition IV.1. *The weak topology $\sigma(E, E')$ on E is the coarsest topology that makes all the maps $(\varphi_f)_{f \in E'}$ continuous. (In the sense of Section I with $X = E$, $\mathbb{R} = Y_i$ and $I = E'$).*

Proposition IV.3. [1] *The weak topology $\sigma(E, E')$ is Hausdorff.*

Proof. Let x_1 and $x_2 \in X$ with $x_1 \neq x_2$. We aim to construct open sets O_1 and O_2 in the weak topology $\sigma(E, E')$ such that $x_1 \in O_1$, $x_2 \in O_2$, and $O_1 \cap O_2 = \emptyset$.

According to Hahn-Banach Theorem, second geometric form, there exists $f \in E'$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\langle f, x_1 \rangle < \alpha < \langle f, x_2 \rangle.$$

We define

$$O_1 = \{x \in E, \langle f, x \rangle < \alpha\} = f^{-1}(-\infty, \alpha)$$

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and

$$O_2 = \{x \in E, \langle f, x \rangle > \alpha\} = f^{-1}(\alpha, +\infty).$$

□

Proposition IV.4. *Let x_0 , we obtain a neighborhood base of x_0 for the weak topology $\sigma(E, E')$ by considering all sets of the form*

$$V = \{x \in E, |\langle f_i, x - x_0 \rangle| < \varepsilon, \forall i \in I\},$$

where I is finite and $f_i \in E'$.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \{x \in E, |\langle f_i, x - x_0 \rangle| < \varepsilon, \forall i \in I\} \\ &= \bigcap_{i \text{ finite}} \{x \in E, -\varepsilon + a_i < f(x_i) < \varepsilon + a_i\} \\ &= \bigcap_{i \text{ finite}} \varphi_{f_i}^{-1}]-\varepsilon + a_i, \varepsilon + a_i[. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, V is an open set for the weak topology $\sigma(E, E')$ and contains x_0 . Conversely, let U be a neighborhood containing x_0 for the weak topology $\sigma(E, E')$. We know that there exists a neighborhood W of x_0 , $W \subset U$, of the form $W = \bigcap_{i \text{ finite}} \varphi_{f_i}^{-1}(w_i)$, w_i is a neighborhood of $\langle f_i, x_0 \rangle = a_i$ in $\mathbb{R}$. Thus, there exists $\varepsilon > 0$ such that $]a_i - \varepsilon, a_i + \varepsilon[\subset w_i$, $\forall i$ finite. Hence, $\varphi_{f_i}^{-1}(]a_i - \varepsilon, a_i + \varepsilon[) \subset \varphi_{f_i}^{-1}(w_i)$, i.e., $x_0 \in \bigcap_{i \text{ finite}} \varphi_{f_i}^{-1}(]a_i - \varepsilon, a_i + \varepsilon[) \subset W \subset U$. □

Proposition IV.5. *Let x_n be a sequence in E . We have*

- (i) $x_n \xrightarrow{n} x$ for $\sigma(E, E')$ $\iff \langle f, x_n \rangle \xrightarrow{n} \langle f, x \rangle, \forall f \in E'$.
- (ii) If $x_n \xrightarrow{n} x$ strongly, then $x_n \xrightarrow{n} x$ weakly for $\sigma(E, E')$.
- (iii) If $x_n \xrightarrow{n} x$ for $\sigma(E, E')$, then $\|x_n\|$ is bounded and $\|x\| \leq \liminf \|x_n\|$.
- (iv) If $x_n \xrightarrow{n} x$ for $\sigma(E, E')$ and $f_n \xrightarrow{n} f$ strongly in E' (i.e. $\|f_n - f\| \xrightarrow{n} 0$), then $\langle f_n, x_n \rangle \xrightarrow{n} \langle f, x \rangle$.

Proof. (i) It follows from Proposition IV.1 and the definition of the weak topology $\sigma(E, E')$.

(ii) It follows from (i) since

$$|\langle f, x_n \rangle - \langle f, x \rangle| \leq \|f\| \|x_n - x\|.$$

(iii) $\{\langle f, x_n \rangle\}$ converges for each $f \in E'$. Thus, for all $f \in E'$,

$$\{F_{x_n}(f), n \in \mathbb{N}\} = \{\langle f, x_n \rangle, n \in \mathbb{N}\} \text{ is bounded in } \mathbb{R}.$$

This gives, according to Banach-Steinhaus Theorem, that

$$\|F_{x_n}\| = \|x_n\| \text{ is bounded.}$$

Now, for $f \in E'$, we have

$$|\langle f, x_n \rangle| \leq \|f\| \|x_n\|$$

and in the limit,

$$|\langle f, x \rangle| \leq \|f\| \liminf \|x_n\|.$$

Consequently,

$$\|x\| \leq \liminf \|x_n\|.$$

□

IV.3 The *weak** topology $\sigma(E', E)$

Let E be a Banach space and E' its dual (equipped with the dual norm $\|f\| = \sup_{x \in E, \|x\| \leq 1} |\langle f, x \rangle|$), and let E'' be its bidual, i.e., the dual of E' , equipped with the norm $\|\xi\| = \sup_{f \in E', \|f\| \leq 1} |\langle \xi, f \rangle|$.

On the space E' , we can define two types of convergence:

- (a) The strong topology (associated with the norm).
- (b) The weak topology $\sigma(E', E'')$.

Now, we define a third topology on E' , the $*$ -topology, denoted $\sigma(E', E)$.

For each $x \in E$, consider the map $\varphi_x : E' \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by $\varphi_x(f) = \langle f, x \rangle$.

As x varies over E , we obtain a family of maps $(\varphi_x)_{x \in E}$ from E' to $\mathbb{R}$.

Definition IV.2. *The weak topology $*$, also denoted by $\sigma(E', E)$, is the coarsest topology that makes the family of maps $(\varphi_x)_{x \in E}$ continuous.*

IV.3. The weak* topology $\sigma(E', E)$

Since $E \subset E''$, it is clear that the topology $\sigma(E', E)$ is coarser than the topology $\sigma(E', E'')$. In other words, $\sigma(E', E)$ has fewer open (resp. closed) sets than the topology $\sigma(E', E'')$, which in turn has fewer open (resp. closed) sets than the strong topology.

Proposition IV.6. *The weak topology $*$, also denoted $\sigma(E', E)$, is separated.*

Proof. Let f_1 and f_2 be elements of E' with $f_1 \neq f_2$, so there exists an $x \in E$ such that $\langle f_1, x \rangle \neq \langle f_2, x \rangle$. We introduce α such that

$$\langle f_1, x \rangle < \alpha < \langle f_2, x \rangle$$

and define

$$O_1 = \{f \in E', \langle f, x \rangle < \alpha\} = \varphi_x^{-1} (]-\infty, \alpha[).$$

$$O_2 = \{f \in E', \langle f, x \rangle > \alpha\} = \varphi_x^{-1} (]\alpha, +\infty[).$$

O_1 and O_2 are open sets for the weak topology $\sigma(E', E)$, satisfying $f_1 \in O_1$, $f_2 \in O_2$, and $O_1 \cap O_2 = \emptyset$. $\square$

Proposition IV.7. *We obtain a neighborhood base of $f_0 \in E'$ for the topology $\sigma(E', E)$ by considering all sets of the form*

$$V = \{f \in E', |\langle f - f_0, x_i \rangle| < \varepsilon, \forall i \in I\},$$

where I is finite, $x_i \in E$, and $\varepsilon > 0$.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} V &= \{f \in E', |\langle f - f_0, x_i \rangle| < \varepsilon, \forall i \in I\} \\ &= \bigcap_{i \text{ finie}} \{f \in E', -\varepsilon + f_0(x_i) < f(x_i) < \varepsilon + f_0(x_i)\} \\ &= \bigcap_{i \text{ finie}} \varphi_{x_i}^{-1} (]-\varepsilon + f_0(x_i), \varepsilon + f_0(x_i)[). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, V is an open set for the weak topology $\sigma(E', E)$ and contains f_0 .

Conversely, let U be a neighborhood that contains f_0 for the weak topology $\sigma(E', E)$. We know that there exists a neighborhood W of f_0 , $W \subset U$, of the

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form $W = \bigcap_{i \text{ finite}} \varphi_{x_i}^{-1}(w_i)$, w_i is a neighborhood of $\langle f_0, x_i \rangle = a_i$ in $\mathbb{R}$. Thus, there exists $\varepsilon > 0$ such that $]f_0(x_i) - \varepsilon, f_0(x_i) + \varepsilon[\subset w_i$, for all i finite. Therefore, $\varphi_{x_i}^{-1}(]f_0(x_i) - \varepsilon, f_0(x_i) + \varepsilon[) \subset \varphi_{x_i}^{-1}(w_i)$, i.e.

$$f_0 \in \bigcap_{i \text{ finite}} \varphi_{x_i}^{-1}(]f_0(x_i) - \varepsilon, f_0(x_i) + \varepsilon[) \subset W \subset U.$$

□

Notation: Given a sequence $(f_n)_n$ in E' , we denote by $f_n \xrightarrow{*} f$ the convergence of f_n to f for the topology $\sigma(E', E)$.

To avoid confusion, we will often specify $f_n \xrightarrow{*} f$ for $\sigma(E', E)$, $f_n \rightharpoonup f$ for $\sigma(E'', E')$, and $f_n \rightarrow f$ strongly.

Proposition IV.8. *Let $(f_n)_n$ be a sequence in E' . We have the following*

- (i) $f_n \xrightarrow{*} f$ for $\sigma(E', E) \iff \langle f_n, x \rangle \xrightarrow{n} \langle f, x \rangle, \quad \forall x \in E$.
- (ii) If $f_n \xrightarrow{n} f$ strongly, then $f_n \rightharpoonup f$ weakly for $\sigma(E', E'')$. If $f_n \rightharpoonup f$ weakly for $\sigma(E', E'')$, then $f_n \xrightarrow{*} f$ for $\sigma(E', E)$.
- (iii) If $f_n \xrightarrow{*} f$ for $\sigma(E', E)$, then $\|f_n\|$ is bounded and $\|f\| \leq \liminf \|f_n\|$.
- (iv) If $f_n \xrightarrow{*} f$ for $\sigma(E', E)$ and if $x_n \xrightarrow{n} x$ strongly in E (i.e. $\|x_n - x\| \xrightarrow{n} 0$), then $\langle f_n, x_n \rangle \xrightarrow{n} \langle f, x \rangle$.

Proof. (i) It follows from Proposition IV.1 and the definition of the *weak** topology $\sigma(E', E)$.

(ii) $f_n \rightharpoonup f$ since $|\langle F, f_n \rangle - \langle F, f \rangle| \leq \|F\| \|f_n - f\|$ for all $F \in E''$. in particular, $f_n(x) \rightarrow f(x)$ for all $x \in E$ which means that $f_n \xrightarrow{*} f$ for $\sigma(E', E)$.

(iii) $\{\langle f_n, x \rangle\}$ converges for each $x \in E$. Thus, for all $f \in E'$,

$$\{\langle f_n, x \rangle, n \in \mathbb{N}\} \text{ is bounded in } \mathbb{R}.$$

This gives, according to Banach-Steinhaus Theorem, that

$$\|f_n\| \text{ is bounded.}$$

Now, for $x \in E$, we have

$$|\langle f_n, x \rangle| \leq \|f_n\| \|x\|$$

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and in the limit,

$$|\langle f, x \rangle| \leq \|x\| \liminf \|f_n\|.$$

Consequently,

$$\|f\| \leq \liminf \|f_n\|.$$

(iV) By the triangle inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} |f_n(x_n) - f_n(x)| &\leq |f_n(x_n) - f_n(x)| + |f_n(x) - f(x)| \\ &\leq \|f_n\| \|x_n - x\| + |f_n(x) - f(x)| \\ &\rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

□

IV.4 Exercises

Exercise 01: Let E be a normed space and let $C \subseteq E$ be a convex subset.

- (a) Show that C is weakly closed if and only if it is strongly closed.
- (b) Show that the weak closure of C is equal to the strong closure of C .

Exercise 02: Let E and F be two normed spaces, T a continuous linear operator from E into F , and (x_n) a sequence in E .

- (a) Show that if $x_n \rightharpoonup x$ (weak convergence), then $T(x_n) \rightharpoonup T(x)$ (weak convergence).
- (b) Furthermore, if T is compact, then $T(x_n) \rightarrow T(x)$ (strong convergence).

Exercise 03: Let E and F be two Banach spaces and let $T : E \rightarrow F$ be a linear operator.

- (a) Show that the following conditions are equivalent:
 - (i) $T : (E, \|\cdot\|) \rightarrow (F, \|\cdot\|)$ is continuous (T is continuous strong-strong).
 - (ii) $T : (E, \sigma(E, E^*)) \rightarrow (F, \sigma(F, F^*))$ is continuous (T is continuous weak-weak).
 - (iii) $T : (E, \|\cdot\|) \rightarrow (F, \sigma(F, F^*))$ is continuous (T is continuous strong-weak).

- (b) Show that the following two conditions are equivalent:
- (iv) $T : (E, \sigma(E, E^*)) \rightarrow (F, \|\cdot\|)$ is continuous (T is continuous weak-strong).
 - (v) T is continuous strong-strong and $T(E)$ is finite-dimensional (T is a finite rank bounded linear operator).

IV.5 Solved problem

Let $E = C([0, 1])$ be the space of continuous real-valued functions on the interval $[0, 1]$, equipped with the supremum norm $\|u\|_\infty = \sup_{0 \leq t \leq 1} |u(t)|$.

- (a) Define, for each $t \in [0, 1]$, the functional $\epsilon_t(u) = u(t)$. Show that $\epsilon_t \in E^*$, where E^* is the dual space of E , and compute the norm $\|\epsilon_t\|$.
- (b) Show that if a sequence (u_n) converges weakly to u in E , then it also converges pointwise to u .
- (c) Demonstrate that the converse does not hold by considering the sequence $u_n(t) = n^2 t(1 - t)^n$. Specifically, show that this sequence converges pointwise but not weakly.
- (d) Analyze the pointwise convergence of the sequence (v_n) defined by

$$v_n(t) = \begin{cases} -nt + 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq t \leq \frac{1}{n}, \\ 0 & \text{if } \frac{1}{n} < t \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

Show the pointwise behavior of v_n .

- (e) Deduce from the previous results that the space $C([0, 1])$ is not reflexive.
- (f) Using similar reasoning, deduce that $L^\infty([0, 1])$ is also not reflexive.

Solution

- (a) It is clear that ϵ_t is linear. Next, observe that

$$|\epsilon_t(u)| \leq \|u\|_\infty.$$

It follows that ϵ_t is bounded and $\|\epsilon_t\| \leq 1$. Now, if v is the constant function equal to 1, then $\|v\|_\infty = 1$ and $\epsilon_t(v) = 1$. Therefore,

$$\|\epsilon_t\| = \sup_{\|u\|_\infty=1} |\epsilon_t(u)| \geq |\epsilon_t(v)| = 1.$$

Thus, $\|\epsilon_t\| = 1$.

- (b) Let $t \in [0, 1]$. If (u_n) converges weakly to u , then $f(u_n) \rightarrow f(u)$ for all $f \in E^*$. In particular,

$$\epsilon_t(u_n) \rightarrow \epsilon_t(u).$$

This implies that $u_n(t) \rightarrow u(t)$ in $\mathbb{R}$. Since t was arbitrary, this shows that (u_n) converges pointwise to u .

(c) A study of the variation of u_n shows that

$$\|u_n\|_\infty = u_n\left(\frac{1}{n+1}\right) = \frac{n^2}{n+1} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n+1}\right)^n.$$

Therefore, (u_n) is unbounded and cannot converge weakly.

(d) Draw the graph of v_n for some n . Let $t \in [0, 1]$. If $t = 0$, then $v_n(0) = 1$, so $v_n(0) \rightarrow 1$. If $t > 0$, choose $n_0 > \frac{1}{t}$. For $n \geq n_0$, we have $t > \frac{1}{n}$, so $v_n(t) = 0$. Therefore, $v_n(t) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. It follows that (v_n) converges pointwise to the discontinuous function v defined by

$$v(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } t = 0, \\ 0 & \text{if } 0 < t \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

(e) Suppose that $C[0, 1]$ is reflexive. Note that $\|v_n\| = 1$, so (v_n) is bounded. Eberlein – Smulyan Theorem, there exists a subsequence (v_{n_k}) that converges weakly to some $w \in C[0, 1]$. By (b), (v_{n_k}) converges pointwise to w . By (d), (v_{n_k}) converges pointwise to v . Therefore, $w = v$. This is a contradiction because w is continuous and v is not.

(f) We know that $C[0, 1]$ is complete. Therefore, it is closed in $L^\infty([0, 1])$. If $L^\infty([0, 1])$ were reflexive, then $C[0, 1]$ would also be reflexive, which is a contradiction.

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