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Chapter 1: Banach Algebras

1.1: Definitions and Basic Properties

Definition: Banach Space

A Banach space X (over \mathbb{C}) is a normed vector space with algebraic operations

$$\begin{aligned}(x, y) &\mapsto x + y && \text{addition} \\ (\lambda, y) &\mapsto \lambda y && \text{scalar multiplication}\end{aligned}$$

and a norm

$$x \mapsto \|x\|$$

which is complete (i.e. every Cauchy sequence converges).

Definition: (Complex) Banach Algebra

A (complex) Banach algebra B is a Banach space in which there is multiplication

$$(x, y) \in B \times B \mapsto xy \in B$$

such that

1. $x(yz) = (xy)z$
2. $(x + y)z = xz + yz$ and $x(y + z) = xy + xz$
3. $\lambda(xy) = (\lambda x)y = x(\lambda y)$
4. $\|xy\| \leq \|x\| \cdot \|y\|$

Definition: Unital Banach Algebra

B is called a unital Banach algebra if $\exists e \in B$ such that

$$xe = ex = x \quad \text{and} \quad \|e\| = 1.$$

If e exists, it is unique.

1.2: Examples

Example 1

If X is a Banach space, then $B = \mathcal{L}(X)$ (the set of all bounded linear operators $A : X \rightarrow X$) equipped with algebraic operations

$$(A+B)x = Ax + Bx$$

$$(\lambda A)x = \lambda(Ax)$$

$$(AB)x = A(Bx)$$

and the operator norm

$$\|A\|_{\mathcal{L}(X)} = \sup_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|Ax\|_X}{\|x\|_X}.$$

$B = \mathcal{L}(X)$ is complete because X is complete.

The unit element is given by $I_X x = x$.

Example 2

If $X = \mathbb{C}^n$, then $B = \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{C}^n) \cong \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$.

$$A = (a_{ij})_{i,j=1}^n$$

$$Ax = y$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} x_j = y_i.$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}$$

The norm in \mathbb{C}^n leads to a norm in $\mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$

$$\|(x_i)\| = \left(\sum |x_i|^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\|(x_i)\| = \sum |x_i|$$

$$\|(x_i)\| = \max |x_i|$$

$$\|A\| =$$

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All norms are equivalent.

Example 3

Take $B = C(K)$ with K a compact Hausdorff space, $f : K \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ continuous and $\|f\| = \max_{t \in K} |f(t)|$.

Example 4

Take $B = A(K)$, $K \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ compact with $\text{int}(K) \neq \emptyset$, $f : K \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ continuous where f is holomorphic on $\text{int}(K)$ and

$$\|f\| = \max_{t \in K} |f(t)| = \max_{t \in K \setminus \text{int}(K)} |f(t)|$$

e.g. $K = \overline{\mathbb{D}} = \{t \in \mathbb{C} : |t| \leq 1\}$. Then $A(K) \subseteq C(K)$.

Example 5

Take $B = \ell^\infty(\mathbb{N})$ or $B = L^\infty(S, \sigma, \mu)$ with (S, σ, μ) a measure space, $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ essentially bounded functions and

$$||f|| = \text{ess sup}_{t \in S} |f(t)| = \inf_{\substack{N \subseteq S \\ \mu(N) = 0}} \left(\sup_{t \in S \setminus N} |f(t)| \right)$$

Example 6

Take $B = \ell^1(\mathbb{Z})$ or $B = L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ with $||\{x_n\}|| = \sum |x_n|$ and $||f|| = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |f(t)| dt$ respectively. Multiplication is given by the convolution. e.g.

$$fg = (f * g)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x-t)g(t) dt$$

$\ell^1(\mathbb{Z})$ is unital, but $L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ is non-unital (since the unit of convolution is the Dirac delta; see Example 7).

Example 7

Take $B = M(\mathbb{R}^d)$ the complex measures on \mathbb{R}^d with bounded variation. Then multiplications is given as

$$(\mu * \nu)(A) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \mu(A-x) d\nu(x)$$

and norm

$$||\mu|| = \sup_{\substack{\mathbb{R}^d = \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i \\ \text{disjoint}}} \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu(A_i)| < +\infty.$$

Then, $f dm = d\mu$ gives $L^1(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow M(\mathbb{R}^d)$.

Example 8

Take $B = C^{n \times n}[K]$ with K compcat and Hausdorff, continuous functions $f : K \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$ and norm

$$||f||_B = \max_{t \in K} ||f(t)||_{C^{n \times n}}.$$

Then $B \cong (C(K))^{n \times n}$ the $n \times n$ matrices with entries from $C(K)$.

1.3: Remarks

- If B does not have a unit element, consider $B_1 = B \times \mathbb{C}$ with operations

$$\begin{aligned} (b_1, \lambda_1) + (b_2, \lambda_2) &= (b_1 + b_2, \lambda_1 + \lambda_2) \\ \alpha(b, \lambda) &= (\alpha b, \alpha \lambda) \\ (b_1, \lambda_1)(b_2, \lambda_2) &= b_1 b_2 + \lambda_1 b_2 + \lambda_2 b_1, \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \end{aligned}$$

and norm

$$||(b, \lambda)|| = ||b|| + |\lambda|.$$

Then B_1 is a unital Banach algebra with $e = (0, 1)$. One writes $(b, \lambda) = (b, 0) + \lambda(0, 1) = b + \lambda \cdot e$. In some sense, $B \subseteq B_1$ where $b \in B \mapsto (b, 0) \in B_1$.

1.4: Definitions

Definition: Commutative Banach Algebra

B is called commutative if $xy = yx$.

Definition: Banach Subalgebra

A subset B_0 of a B -algebra is called a subalgebra if it is closed with respect to the algebraic operations

$$x, y \in B_0, \lambda \in \mathbb{C} \leadsto x + y, xy, \lambda x \in B$$

Definition: Closed Subalgebra

B_0 is a closed subalgebra or Banach subalgebra if it is norm-closed.

- Proposition: B_0 is a Banach algebra.

Definition: Generated Subalgebra

Let $M \neq \emptyset$ be a subset of a Banach algebra B .

The Banach subalgebra generated by M is the smallest closed subalgebra containing M .

$$\text{alg } M = (\text{clos alg}_B M)$$

- Remark

$\text{alg } M$ is the intersection of all closed subalgebras containing M .

$\text{alg } M = \text{clos} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i a_1^{(i)} a_2^{(i)} \cdots a_{n_i}^{(i)} \right\}$ is the norm-closure of finite linear combinations of finite products of $a_j^{(i)} \in M$.

1.5: Examples

Example 1

Take B unital, $b \in B$. Then

$$\text{alg}\{e, b\} = \text{clos}_B \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^N \lambda_i b^i : \lambda_i \in \mathbb{C}, N \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$$

where $b^0 = e$.

1.6 Definitions

Definition: Banach Algebra Homomorphism

A Banach algebra homomorphism is a map $\phi : B_1 \rightarrow B_2$ between Banach algebras B_1 and B_2 such that

- ϕ is linear
- ϕ is bounded (continuous)
- ϕ is multiplicative

$$\phi(b_1 b_2) = \phi(b_1) \cdot \phi(b_2)$$

- ϕ is unital if both B_1, B_2 have units and $\phi(e_{B_1}) = e_{B_2}$.

Definition: Banach Algebra Isomorphism

A Banach algebra homomorphism which is bijective is called a Banach algebra isomorphism.

Then $\phi^{-1} : B_2 \rightarrow B_1$ is an isomorphism as well.

Definition: Banach Algebra Isometry

ϕ is an isometry if $||\phi(x)|| = ||x||$.

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Recall

Given $M \subseteq \mathcal{L}(X)$ with X a Banach space (and $\mathcal{L}(X)$ itself a Banach algebra), we may construct $B = \text{alg}_{\mathcal{L}(X)} M$.

1.7 Proposition

Let B be a unital Banach algebra. Then the map

$$\phi : B \ni x \rightarrow L_x \in \mathcal{L}(B)$$

is an isometric isomorphism onto a closed subalgebra of $\mathcal{L}(B)$ where

$$L_x : B \ni z \mapsto xz \in B$$

is the left-representation of x .

Proof

L_x is in $\mathcal{L}(B)$ since $L_x z = xz$

- is linear in z and
- $||L_x z|| = ||xz|| \leq ||x|| \cdot ||z||$ implies $||L_x|| \leq ||x||$ (i.e. L_x is a bounded).

The map $\phi : x \mapsto L_x$ is linear

$$L_{x_1+x_2}z = (x_1+x_2)z = x_1z + x_2z = L_{x_1}z + L_{x_2}z = (L_{x_1} + L_{x_2})z$$

ϕ is multiplicative

$$L_{x_1x_2}z = (x_1x_2)z = x_1(x_2z) = L_{x_1}(L_{x_2}z)$$

From the above, we conclude that ϕ is a homomorphism.

To show that ϕ is an isometry,

$$\|L_x\| = \sup_{z \neq 0} \frac{\|L_x z\|}{\|z\|} \geq \frac{\|L_x e\|}{\|e\|} = \frac{\|x\|}{1} = \|x\|.$$

Then also ϕ is injective and $\text{im } \phi$ is closed. Since $\text{im } \phi$ is a Banach algebra, it is therefore a closed subalgebra.

1.7 Remark: Right-Regular Representation

Every unital Banach algebra is isometrically isomorphic to a Banach algebra of operators.

Right-regular representation:

$$R_x = z \mapsto zx$$

Chapter 2: Group of Invertible Elements in a Banach Algebra

2.1 Definition: Invertible Element

Let B be a unital Banach algebra. An element $x \in B$ (in B) if there exists $y \in B$ such that $xy = yx = e$.

Note that $y = x^{-1}$ is uniquely determined.

Write GB for the set of all invertible elements of B .

Remark

GB is a (multiplicative group).

- $x, y \in GB \implies xy \in GB$ and $(xy)^{-1} = y^{-1}x^{-1}$,
- $x \in GB \implies x^{-1} \in GB$ and $(x^{-1})^{-1} = x$, and
- $e \in GB$.

2.2 Lemma

If $x \in B$ and $\|x\| < 1$, then $e - x \in GB$.

Proof

Take the Neumann series

$$e + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots$$

which converges to some $s \in B$

$$s_n = e + x + \cdots + x^n$$

where s_n are Cauchy:

$$||s_{n+k} - s_n|| = ||x^{n+1} + \cdots + x^{n+k}|| \leq ||x||^{n+1} + ||x||^{n+2} + \cdots = \frac{||x||^{n+1}}{1 - ||x||}.$$

So $s_n \rightarrow s$,

$$(e - x)s_n = s_n(e - x) = e - x^{n+1}.$$

Taking $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$(e - x)s = s(e - x) = e.$$

2.3 Proposition

The group GB is open in B and the map $\Lambda : GB \ni x \mapsto x^{-1} \in GB$ is continuous (in the norm).

Proof

Take $x \in GB$ and consider $y \in B$ with $||y|| < \frac{1}{||x^{-1}||} = \varepsilon$.

Then $x + y \in B_\varepsilon(x)$ is invertible,

$$x + y = x(e + x^{-1}y),$$

and

$$||x^{-1}y|| \leq ||x^{-1}|| \cdot ||y|| < 1.$$

Therefore GB is open, since $B_\varepsilon(x) \subseteq GB$. The inverse

$$(x + y)^{-1} = (e + x^{-1}y)^{-1}x^{-1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-x^{-1}y)^n x^{-1} = x^{-1} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (-x^{-1}y)^n x^{-1}$$

so

$$||(x + y)^{-1} - x^{-1}|| \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ||x^{-1}||^{n+1} ||y||^n = \frac{||x^{-1}||^2 ||y||}{1 - ||x^{-1}|| \cdot ||y||}.$$

This converges to zero as $||y|| \rightarrow 0$.

2.4 Examples

Example 1

$B = C(K)$, K compact Hausdorff, $f : K \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ continuous.

$GB = \{f \in C(K) : f(t) \neq 0, \forall t \in K\}$.

Example 2

$$B = \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}.$$

$$GB = \{A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n} : \det A \neq 0\}.$$

2.5 Definition:

Let G_0B stand for the connected component of GB containing e .

Remarks

- the ε -neighborhoods $B_\varepsilon(x) \subseteq B$ are (path-)connected.

$$B_\varepsilon(x) = \{y \in B : \|x - y\| < \varepsilon\}$$

For $y_1, y_2 \in B_\varepsilon(x)$, there is a continuous path

$$\sigma : [0, 1] \ni \lambda \mapsto y_1\lambda + y_2(1 - \lambda) \in B_\varepsilon(x)$$

- Because GB is open and $B_\varepsilon(x)$ is path-connected, GB is locally (path-)connected (i.e. every $x \in GB$ has a (path-)connected open neighborhood in GB).
- In this context, connectedness and path-connectedness are equivalent. Therefore the components of GB are the path-components of GB .
- GB is the union of disjoint (path-)components where each component is both open and closed in GB .
- $x, y \in GB$ belong to the same path-component if there exists a continuous path $\gamma : [0, 1] \rightarrow GB$ such that $\gamma(0) = x$ and $\gamma(1) = y$. Here, $x \sim y$ is an equivalence relation.
- $G_0B = \{x \in GB : \exists \text{ a path in } GB \text{ connecting } e \text{ and } x\}$.

2.6 Examples

Example 1

Take $B = C(\mathbb{T})$ with $\mathbb{T} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| = 1\}$ and continuous functions $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$.

GB is the non-vanishing continuous functions $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ ($f(t) \neq 0, \forall t \in \mathbb{T}$).

For $f \in GB$ one can define a winding number.

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We have $\frac{1}{2\pi} \arg f(e^{ix})$ a continuous function with

$$\text{wind}(t) = \left[\frac{1}{2\pi} \arg f(e^{ix}) \right]_{x=0}^{2\pi} = \phi(2\pi) - \phi(0)$$

and $\text{wind}(t) \in \mathbb{Z}$.

The map $GB \ni f \mapsto \text{wind}(t) \in \mathbb{Z}$ is continuous, hence locally constant (i.e. constant on each connected component).

Therefore $G_0C(\mathbb{T}) \subseteq \{f \in GC(\mathbb{T}) : \text{wind}(f) = 0\}$. In fact, we will see that we have equality.

That is, f can be contracted (in GB) to the constant function $e(t) = 1$.

2.7 Proposition

G_0B is a normal subgroup of GB .

Proof

- G_0B is a group.

For any $x, y \in G_0B$, there exist paths $\gamma_1 : [0, 1] \rightarrow GB$ and $\gamma_2 : [0, 1] \rightarrow GB$ with $\gamma_1(0) = \gamma_2(0) = e$, $\gamma_1(1) = x$ and $\gamma_2(1) = y$.

Define $\gamma(t) = \gamma_1(t)\gamma_2(t)$ a path in GB such that $\gamma(0) = e$ and $\gamma(1) = xy$. Then $xy \in G_0B$.

Following from Lemma 2.2, $\hat{\gamma} = (\gamma_1(t))^{-1}$ is a continuous path with $\hat{\gamma}(0) = e$, $\hat{\gamma}(1) = x^{-1}$ and $x^{-1} \in G_0B$.

- G_0B is a normal subgroup of GB .

For every $y \in GB$, $yG_0By^{-1} \subseteq G_0B$ if and only if $yG_0B = G_0By$.

Take $x \in G_0B$ with path γ , then

$$\delta(t) = y\gamma(t)y^{-1}, \quad \delta(0) = ye y^{-1} = e, \quad \text{and} \quad \delta(1) = yxy^{-1} \in G_0B.$$

2.8 Definition: Abstract Index Group

The quotient group GB/G_0B is called the abstract index group of B .

Remark

GB/G_0B is in 1-to-1 correspondence with the set of connected components of GB .

Indeed, the (path-)connected components of GB are given by $yG_0B = G_0By$ (for $y \in GB$).

$$y_1 G_0B = y_2 G_0B \iff y_2^{-1} y_1 G_0B = G_0B \iff y_2^{-1} y_1 \in G_0B \iff [y_2] = [y_1] \text{ in } GB/G_0B.$$

2.9 Definition: Exponential Map

For $x \in B$, we define the exponential map $B \ni x \mapsto \exp(x) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$.

2.10 Lemma

The exponential map $B \ni x \mapsto \exp(x) \in GB$ is well-defined and continuous.

For $xy = yx$, we have $\exp(x+y) = \exp(x)\exp(y)$.

In particular, $(\exp(x))^{-1} = \exp(-x)$.

Proof

$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$ is absolutely convergent.

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{||x||^n}{n!} < +\infty.$$

It follows that $s_n = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{x^k}{k!}$ is a Cauchy sequence and therefore converges.

Continuity left as an exercise. Need to show:

$$\left\| \sum \frac{x^n}{n!} - \sum \frac{y^n}{n!} \right\| \leq ||x - y|| \cdot M_{x,y}$$

The fact that $\exp(x + y) = \exp(x) \exp(y)$ follows from multiplying terms and the binomial formula.