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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  $(S, \sigma, \mu)$  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

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

### 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

- $\phi$  is linear
- $\phi$  is bounded (continuous)
- $\phi$  is multiplicative

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

- $\phi$  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

$\phi$  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

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

$\phi$  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  $\phi$  is a homomorphism.

To show that  $\phi$  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  $\phi$  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  $G_0 B$  stand for the connected component of  $GB$  containing  $e$ .

### Remarks

- the  $\varepsilon$ -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.
- $G_0 B = \{x \in GB : \exists \text{ a path in } GB \text{ connecting } e \text{ and } x\}$ .

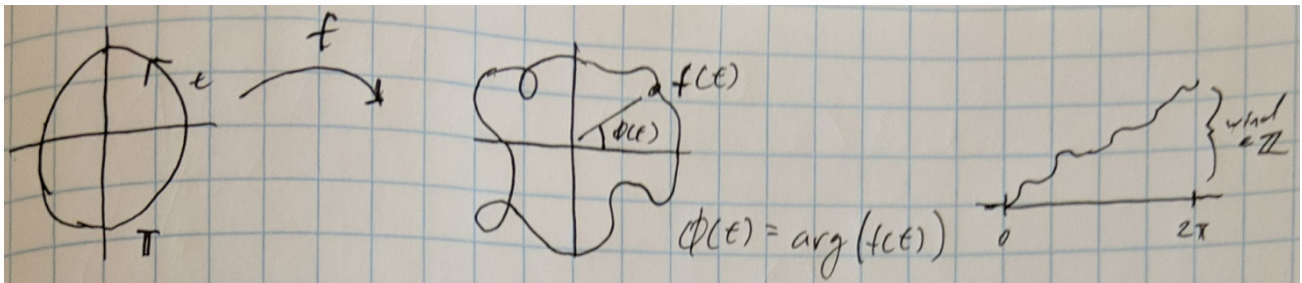
## 2.6 Examples

### 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.



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  $\hat{\gamma}_1(0) = e$ ,  $\hat{\gamma}_1(1) = x^{-1}$  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  $\gamma$ , then

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

## 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  $y \in GB$ ).

$$y_1G_0B = y_2G_0B \iff y_2^{-1}y_1G_0B = G_0B \iff y_2^{-1}y_1 \in G_0B \iff [y_2] = [y_1] \text{ in } GB/G_0B.$$

## 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.