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Chapter 1

Overview of Hilbert and Banach spaces

Lecture 1: Overview

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Let E be a given set, and let $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}$ be the known fields. Let us define two operations on $E \times E$ and $\mathbb{K} \times E$ by the :

$$\begin{aligned} + : E \times E &\longrightarrow E \\ (x, y) &\longmapsto x + y \\ \cdot : \mathbb{K} \times E &\longrightarrow E \\ (\lambda, x) &\longmapsto \lambda \cdot x \end{aligned}$$

compact \iff
closed and
bounded (finite
dimensional)

compact \implies
closed bounded
(generally)

compactness
is important
because most
important
theorems use
compact by
assumption

more open sets
= less compact

Definition 1.0.1 (Vector space) : A vector space E over \mathbb{K} is a set equipped by two operations, called additions and scalar multiplication which verify the following axioms

1. $\forall x, y \in E : x + y = y + x$
2. $\forall x, y, z \in E : (x + y) + z = x + (y + z)$
3. $\exists 0_E \in E : x + 0_E = x$
4. $\forall x \in E, \exists y \in E : x + y = 0_E$ (denote $y = -x$)
5. $\forall \lambda, \beta \in \mathbb{K}, \forall x \in E : (\alpha\beta)x = \alpha(\beta x)$
6. $\forall x \in E : 1_{\mathbb{K}} \cdot x = x$

$$7. \forall x, y \in E, \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{K} : \lambda(x + y) = \lambda x + \lambda y$$

$$8. \forall \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{K}, \forall x \in E : (\alpha + \beta)x = \alpha x + \beta x$$

Definition 1.0.2 (Vector subspace) : A subset $F \subset E$ is called a subvector space if:

$$1. 0_E \subset F$$

$$2. \forall \lambda \in \mathbb{K}, \forall x, y \in E \implies \lambda x + y \in E$$

Definition 1.0.3 (Inner product) : An inner product on a vector space E is a function:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \cdot \rangle : E \times E &\longrightarrow \mathbb{K} \\ (x, y) &\longmapsto \langle x, y \rangle \end{aligned}$$

which verifies:

1. Linearity in the first argument :

$$\forall x, y, z \in E, \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{K} : \langle \alpha x, y \rangle = \alpha \langle x, y \rangle$$

$$\langle x + y, z \rangle = \langle x, z \rangle + \langle y, z \rangle$$

2. Conjugate symmetry:

$$\forall x, y \in E : \langle x, y \rangle = \overline{\langle y, x \rangle}$$

3. Positive definiteness:

$$\langle x, x \rangle \geq 0$$

$$\langle x, x \rangle = 0 \iff x = 0_E$$

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Definition 1.0.4 : Let E be a set, and d be a metric on E , we said that (E, d) is complete if and only if every cauchy sequence is convergent

Definition 1.0.5 : A Banach space is a complete vectorial normed space

Example:

- $\mathbb{K}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C})$ is a Banach space
- \mathbb{K}^n is a Banach space
- if E is a normed space with finite dimension, then E is Banach
- $\ell^p(\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{K})$ with $1 \leq p \leq +\infty$ is Banach space (Exercise).
- Every finite set product of Banach spaces is a Banach space too.

Proposition 1.0.1 : The limit of a sequence in a Banach space (if it exists) is unique.

Proposition 1.0.2 : Let F be a closed subset of E . if $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset F$ is convergent to $x \in E$, then $x \in F$.

REMARK:

The importance of the notion of equivalent norms on a normed vector space is:

Let $\|\cdot\|_1$ and $\|\cdot\|_2$ be two equivalent norms on $V = E$. one has:

$$(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \text{ CV for } \|\cdot\|_1 \iff (x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \text{ CV for } \|\cdot\|_2$$

Proposition 1.0.3 (Definition) : Let V and W be two norms on V (resp. W), and let $f : V \rightarrow W$ be a function. the following statements are equivalent:

1. f is continuous from V into W

2. and:

$$\forall x_0 \in V, \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0, \forall x \in V : \|x - x_0\| \leq \delta \implies \|f(x) - f(x_0)\| \leq \varepsilon$$

3. and:

$$\forall x \in V, \forall (x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in V : x_n \rightarrow x \implies f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x) (\|f(x_n) - f(x)\| \rightarrow 0 \quad n \rightarrow \infty)$$

REMARK:

On finite dimension vector space, all the norm are equivalents.

1.1 Duality

Let V and W be two normed vector spaces

Proposition 1.1.1 : Let $A : V \rightarrow W$ be a linear function (Map). The following are equivalent:

1. A is continuous on V
2. A is continuous at 0
3. $\exists c > 0: \|A(v)\| \leq c\|v\| \quad \forall v \in V$

Definition 1.1.1 : We denote by $L(V, W)$ be the set of all linear functions, we denote $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$ the set of all continuous linear functions

Proposition 1.1.2 : $L(V, W)$ and $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$ are vector spaces

Proposition 1.1.3 : Let V be a normed space, and W be a Banach space then $\mathcal{L}(V, W)$ is Banach space.

Definition 1.1.2 : Let $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be sequence in a normed vector space E .

- we say that the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$ converges if the sequence of partial sums $s_n = \sum_{k=1}^n x_k$ converges.
- we say that the series is normally (absolutely) convergent if the series of real positive numbers $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|x_n\|$ converges

Proposition 1.1.4 : Let E be a normed vector space. The following are equivalents:

1. E is Banach.
2. Every normally convergent series is convergent.

Definition 1.1.3 : Let E and F be two normed vector spaces, A function (mapping) from E into F is called linear isomorphism if its linear, continuous bijective and its inverse is continuous (naturally linear)

We denote by $\text{ISO}(E, F)$ the set of all linear isomorphisms mapping from E into F .

Theorem 1.1.5 : Let E and F be Banach spaces, then $\text{ISO}(E, F)$ is an open subset of $\mathcal{L}(E, F)$ and the map $u \rightarrow u^{-1}$ from $\text{ISO}(E, F)$ into $\text{ISO}(F, E)$ is continuous. More, one has if $u_0 \in \text{ISO}(E, F)$ and $u \in B(u_0, \frac{1}{\|u_0^{-1}\|})$, then $u \in \text{ISO}(E, F)$, and:

$$u^{-1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\text{id}_E - u_0^{-1}u)^n \cdot u_0^{-1}$$

Corollary 1.1.6 (Von Neumann) : Let E be a Banach space, and $u \in \mathcal{L}(E) = \mathcal{L}(E, E)$. if $\|u\| < 1$, then $\text{id}_E - u$ belongs to $\text{ISO}(E, E) = \text{ISO}(E)$ and it's inverse is given by:

$$(\text{id}_E - u)^{-1} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u^n$$

NOTATIONS: $E' = \mathcal{L}(E)$, and $E^* = L(E)$.

1. E' topological dual space of E .
2. E^* algebraic dual space of E .

Proposition 1.1.7 : Let E be a Banach space E_0 be normed vector space. let $p : E \rightarrow E_0$ a continuous linear surjection mapping. If there exists $c > 0$ such that $\forall y_0 \in E_0, \exists x \in E$ such that $f(x) = y_0$ and $\|x\| \leq c \|y_0\|$ then E_0 is Banach.

Theorem 1.1.8 : Let E be a Banach space and let F be a closed subspace of E . Then $E|_F$ is Banach too.

Proposition 1.1.9 : Let $A \subset E$. A is compact if from every sequence of elements of A , we can extract a subsequence converging to an element in A .

Theorem 1.1.10 (Riesz) : The closed unit ball is compact if and only if $\dim E < +\infty$,

Chapter 2

Compactness

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Definition 2.0.1 (Bolzano-Weirstrass Property) : A set $A \subset V$, is compact if from every sequence of A we can extract a subsequence which is convergent in A .

Theorem 2.0.1 (Riesz) : The closed unit ball of V is compact if and only if dimension of V is finite.

2.1 Equicontinuity

Definition 2.1.1 : Let (X, d_1) and (Y, d_2) be two metric spaces.

Consider $F \subset \{f : X \rightarrow Y\}$, we say that F is equicontinuous at $x_0 \in X$. if:

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \quad \exists \delta > 0, \quad d_1(x, x_0) < \delta \implies d(f(x), f(x_0)) < \varepsilon, \quad \forall f \in F$$

Definition 2.1.2 : If F is equicontinuous, at each point of X , then we say that F is equicontinuous on X .

Theorem 2.1.1 (Ascoli-Arzela Theorem) : Let (X, d) be a compact metric space. A family F of real valued continuous functions on X is relatively compact in $\mathcal{C}(X, \mathbb{R})$ with the sup norm if and only if:

1. F is uniformly bounded
2. F is equicontinuous on X

Theorem 2.1.2 (Bernestein-Weirstrass) : Let $[a, b]$ and consider $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ continuous function, then there exists a sequence of polynomial functions $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ such that f_n converges uniformly to f on $[a, b]$.

Theorem 2.1.3 (Riesz representation) : Let H be Hilbert space, and consider:

$$H' = \{f : H \rightarrow \mathbb{C} : f \text{ continuous}\}$$

then:

$$\forall f \in H', \exists ! y \in H : f(x) = \langle x, y \rangle$$

Theorem 2.1.4 : Let $(E, \|\cdot\|)$ be a normed vector space, then there exists an inner product on E , if and only if $\|\cdot\|$ obeys the parallelogram law.

$$\Leftrightarrow \|x + y\|^2 + \|x - y\|^2 = 2(\|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2)$$

2.2 Hahn-Banach Theorems

Theorem 2.2.1 : Let E be an \mathbb{R} -vector space and let $p : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function such that:

$$1. \quad p(\lambda x) = \lambda p(x), \quad \forall \lambda > 0, \quad \forall x \in E$$

$$2. \quad p(x + y) \leq p(x) + p(y), \quad \forall x, y \in E$$

Let G be a vector subspace of E , and let $g : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a linear function such that:

$$g(x) \leq p(x), \quad \forall x \in G$$

☞ then there exists $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ linear such that:

$$\begin{cases} f(x) = g(x), & \forall x \in G \\ f(x) \leq p(x), & \forall x \in \end{cases}$$

Theorem 2.2.2 : Let $G \subset E$ be a vector subspace of E . if $g : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a linear continuous function then there exists $f \in E'$. such that:

$$① \quad f(x) = g(x), \quad \forall x \in G$$

$$② \quad \|f\|_{E'} = \|g\|_G$$

$$\boxed{\text{☞ } \|f\|_{E'} = \|f\|_{\mathcal{L}(E, \mathbb{R})} = \sup_{\|x\| \leq 1, x \in E} |f(x)|}$$

Definition 2.2.1 : Let E be a normed space, an affine hyperplane is a subset of E . denoted by H , and defined by:

$$H = \{x \in E : f(x) = \alpha\}$$

where α is a real number and f is a linear form in E . sometimes we write:

$$[H = \alpha]$$

Definition 2.2.2 : Let A be a set, we say that A is convex, if for all $x, y \in A$ and for all $t \in [0, 1]$.

$$\implies tx + (1 - t)y \in A$$

Theorem 2.2.3 : An affine hyperplane.

$$H = \{x \in E : f(x) = \alpha\}$$

is closed if and only if f is continuous.

Definition 2.2.3 : Let A, B be two subsets of a vector space E , we say that $H = \{x \in E : f(x) = \alpha\}$ separates A and B , if:

$$f(x) \geq \alpha, \quad \forall x \in A$$

and

$$f(x) \leq \alpha, \quad \forall x \in B$$

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Theorem 2.2.4 (Hahn-Banach) : Let $A \subset E$, $B \subset E$ be two convex subsets such that $A \cap B = \emptyset$. Assume that one of them is open. Then there exists an affine hyperplane (closed) which separates A and B . i.e

$$\exists f \in E', \quad \alpha \in \mathbb{K}$$

such that

$$f(x) \geq \alpha, \quad \forall x \in A, \text{ and } f(x) \leq \alpha, \quad \forall x \in B.$$

Proposition 2.2.5 : Let $C \subset E$ be a nonempty convex open subset and let $x_0 \in E \setminus C$. then there exists $f \in E'$, such that

$$f(x) < f(x_0) \quad \forall (x \in C).$$

In particular $[f(x_0) = \alpha]$ separates $\{x_0\}$ and C .

Theorem 2.2.6 (Hahn-Banach) : Let $A \subset E$, $B \subset E$ be two convex nonempty subsets such that $A \cap B = \emptyset$ we suppose that one is compact and the second is closed. Then there exists a closed affine hyperplane which separates strictly A and B . i.e. there exists $f \in E'$, and $\alpha \in \mathbb{K}(\mathbb{R})$. such that

$$f(x) < \alpha \quad (\forall x \in A),$$

$$f(x) > \alpha, \quad (\forall x \in B).$$

Corollary 2.2.7 : Let F be a subspace of E , such that $\overline{F} \neq E$. Then there exists $f \in E'$, $f \neq 0_E$ where $f(x) = 0, \quad \forall x \in F$.

We apply the second version of Geometric Hahn-Banach (second version) to $A = \overline{F}$, $B = \{x_0\}$, $x_0 \notin \overline{F}$. we have A is a subspace so it's convex and closed, and B is convex and compact $A \cap B = \emptyset$. Well the idea is pretty simple; Do it as an exercise.

Theorem 2.2.8 (Banach-Steinhaus) : Let E and F be two Banach spaces, and let $(T_i)_{i \in I}$ be a family not necessarily countable of continuous linear functions from E into F ,

$$T_i \in \mathcal{L}(E, F).$$

Assume that

$$\sup_{i \in I} \|T_i x\| < +\infty, \quad (\forall x \in E).$$

Then

$$\sup_{i \in I} \|T_i\|_{\mathcal{L}(E, F)} < +\infty,$$

which means there exists $\exists c > 0$, such that

$$\|T_i x\| \leq c \|x\| \quad (\forall x \in E), \quad \forall i \in I$$

Theorem 2.2.9 : Let E, F be two Banach spaces and let $(T_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of $\mathcal{L}(E, F)$ such that $\forall x \in E$, $T_n x$ converges to Tx , when n converge to $+\infty$, then we have:

- $\sup_n \|T_n\|_{\mathcal{L}(E, F)} < +\infty$
- $T \in \mathcal{L}(E, F)$
- $\|T\|_{\mathcal{L}(E, F)} \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|T_n\|_{\mathcal{L}(E, F)}$

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Corollary 2.2.10 : Let G be a vector space, and let B be a subset of G . Assume that:

$$\forall f \in G' : f(B) = \{f(b) : b \in B\} \text{ is bounded} \implies B \text{ is bounded.}$$

Proof. Consider:

$$\begin{aligned} T_b : G' &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ f &\longmapsto T_b(f) = \langle f, b \rangle = f(b) \end{aligned}$$

Then using (B.S) principle, we get

$$|\langle f, b \rangle| \leq c \|f\|.$$

Thus we get

$$\|b\| \leq c, \quad \forall b \in B,$$

which means that B is bounded. □

Corollary 2.2.11 : Let G be a banach space and let B' be a subset of G' assume that:

$$\forall x \in G : \langle B', x \rangle = \{\langle f, x \rangle : f \in G'\} \text{ is bounded} \implies B' \text{ is bounded.}$$

Theorem 2.2.12 (Open mapping theorem) : Let E , and F be two Banach spaces, and let $T \in \mathcal{L}(E, F)$ assume that T is onto, then there exists $c > 0$, such that:

$$B_F(0, c) \subset T(B_E(0, 1)) \quad (*)$$

(*) can be translated into image of open set is open.

 **Corollary 2.2.13 :** Let $(E, \|\cdot\|_1)$, and $(E, \|\cdot\|_2)$ be Banach spaces. If there exists a constant $c > 0$, such that:

$$\|x\|_1 \leq c\|x\|_2 \quad (\forall x \in E)$$

then $\|\cdot\|_1$, and $\|\cdot\|_2$ are equivalents.

 **Corollary 2.2.14 :** Let E , and F be two Banach spaces, and let $T \in \mathcal{L}(E, F)$ assume that T is bijective, then

$$T^{-1} \in \mathcal{L}(F, E)$$

Chapter 3

Weak topologies

3.1 Introduction

Let X be a given set, and let (Y_i, σ_i) be a family of topological spaces, I is an arbitrary set of index. Let $\varphi_i : X \rightarrow Y_i$ be a family of maps. we search a topology on X , which is the smallest one, and makes $\varphi_i, \forall i \in I$ continuous. Let be τ this topology. we can prove that:

$$\tau = \left\{ \bigcup_{\text{arbitrary finite}} \bigcap \varphi_i^{-1}(w_i), i \right\}$$

defines the coarsest topology, such that $\varphi_i^{-1}(w_i)$ is an elementary open of τ

Remark:

A neighborhood of $x \in X$ is defined by:

$$U = \bigcap_{\text{finite}} \varphi_i^{-1}(V_i)$$

where V_i is a neighborhood of $\varphi_i(x)$.

Proposition 3.1.1 : Let $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence in X . Then

$$x_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty, \tau} x \iff \varphi_i(x_n) \xrightarrow{\forall i \in I, n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi_i(x)$$

Proof.

(\implies) Easy and known *

(\impliedby)

We suppose that $\varphi_i(x_n) \xrightarrow{\forall i \in I, n \rightarrow +\infty} \varphi_i(x)$ and we need to prove that

$$x_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty, \tau} x$$

Let U be a neighborhood of x . then:

$$U = \bigcap_{i \in J, J \subset I, J \text{ finite}} \varphi_i(V_i)$$

Where V_i is a neighborhood of $\varphi_i(x)$. So for each $i \in J$, V_i is a neighborhood of $\varphi_i(x)$. \square

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Proposition 3.1.2 : Let $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset X$, then we have:

$$x_n \xrightarrow{\tau} x \iff \varphi_i(x_n) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow +\infty} \varphi_i(x)$$

Proof. \Rightarrow If $\varphi_i, i \in I$ is continuous, and $x_n \rightarrow x$ then $\varphi_i(x_n) \rightarrow \varphi_i(x)$ for all $i \in I$.

\Leftarrow Conversely, suppose $\varphi_i(x_n) \rightarrow \varphi_i(x)$ and do we have $x_n \xrightarrow{\tau} x$? we have,

$$\varphi_i(x_n) \rightarrow \varphi_i(x) \iff \forall V_i \in \mathcal{V}(\varphi_i(x)), \exists N_i \in \mathbb{N} : \forall n \geq N_i \rightarrow \varphi_i(x_n) \in V_i,$$

Thus we get $x_n \in \varphi_i^{-1}(V_i)$, so $\forall n = \sup_i N_i \implies x_n \in \bigcap_i \varphi_i^{-1}(V_i)$ which is a neighborhood of x , thus $x_n \xrightarrow{\tau} x$. \square

Proposition 3.1.3 : Let Z be a topological space, and let $\Psi : Z \rightarrow X$ be a mapping. Then Ψ is continuous if and only if $\varphi \circ \Psi$ is continuous.

Proof. \Rightarrow (\implies) (evident). If φ_i and Ψ are continuous then $\varphi_i \circ \Psi$ is continuous. \Leftarrow (\implies) Suppose that $\varphi_i \circ \Psi$ is continuous and φ_i is continuous, how about Ψ ? Ψ is continuous \iff all open of $X \implies$ inverse image by Ψ is open in Z . Let U be an open set in τ , so $U = \bigcup_{\text{arbitrary}} \bigcap_{\text{finite}} \varphi_i^{-1}(W_i)$, such that W_i is open in \mathcal{O}_i . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi^{-1}(U) &= \Psi^{-1} \left(\bigcup_{\text{arbitrary}} \bigcap_{\text{finite}} \varphi_i^{-1}(W_i) \right) \\ &= \bigcup_{\text{arbitrary}} \bigcap_{\text{finite}} (\varphi \circ \Psi)^{-1}(W_i), \quad \text{open in } Z. \end{aligned}$$

\square

3.2 Weak topology

Let E be a Banach space, and let $f \in E'$. We denote by $\varphi_f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ the linear form defined by,

$$\varphi_f(x) = f(x), \forall x \in E, f \in E'.$$

We have a family $(\varphi_f)_{f \in E'}$ of maps from E into \mathbb{R} .

Remark: On E we have already a topology which is defined by the norm (and it's called strong topology). On E , we will define a new topology called weak, denoted by $\sigma(E, E')$ and defined by:

Definition 3.2.1 : The weak topology $\sigma(E, E')$ on E is the "Cheapest", the coarsest topology associated to $(\varphi_f), f \in E'$, in the sense of the previous section where;

$$X = E, Y_i = \mathbb{R} \quad \forall i, I = E'.$$

Remark: We denote by

$$x_n \rightharpoonup x$$

to mean weak convergence, or

$$x_n \xrightarrow{\sigma(E, E')} x$$

x_n converges to x weakly.

Proposition 3.2.1 : The weak topology $\sigma(E, E')$ is Hausdorff.

Proof. Let $x_1, x_2 \in E$ such that $x_1 \neq x_2$, is there $U_1 \in \mathcal{V}(x_1), U_2 \in \mathcal{V}(x_2)$ of $\sigma(E, E')$, such that $U_1 \cap U_2 = \emptyset$. Let consider $\{x_1\} = A$ and $\{x_2\} = B$. Using second theorem of H.B, there exists $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}, f \in E'$ such that

$$f(x_1) < \alpha < f(x_2)$$

Let

$$U_1 = \{x \in E : f(x) < \alpha\}$$

$$U_2 = \{x \in E : f(x) > \alpha\}$$

so

$$U_1 = f^{-1}((-\infty, \alpha))$$

$$U_2 = f^{-1}((\alpha, +\infty))$$

and $U_1 \cap U_2 = \emptyset$, also $U_1, U_2 \in \sigma(E, E')$. \square

Theorem 3.2.2 : Let $x_0 \in E$, and let $\varepsilon > 0$. Let $\{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_k\} \subset E'$. Consider,

$$V = \{x \in E : |\langle f_i, x - x_0 \rangle| < \varepsilon, i = 1, k\}$$

then V is a neighborhood of x_0 in the topology $\sigma(E, E')$.

Proof. One has $V = \bigcap_{i=1}^k \varphi_f^{-1}(f_i)(a_i - \varepsilon, a_i + \varepsilon)$, where $a_i = \langle f_i, x_0 \rangle$ which is open for $\sigma(E, E')$, and $x_0 \in V$. Conversely, Let U be a neighborhood of x_0 for the topology $\sigma(E, E')$. So it takes the form:

$$\bigcap_{\text{finite}} \varphi_f^{-1}(W_i) = W.$$

where $x_0 \in W$, and $W \subset U$ and W_i is open in \mathbb{R} . W_i is open in \mathbb{R} , so $\exists \varepsilon > 0$ such that $(a_i - \varepsilon, a_i + \varepsilon) \subset W_i$. as it follows that $x_0 \in W \subset U$. \square

Theorem 3.2.3 : Let E be a Banach space, and let $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset E$ be a sequence. Then:

- $x_n \xrightarrow{\sigma(E, E')} x \iff f(x_n) \xrightarrow{|\cdot|_{n+\infty}} f(x), \forall f \in E$.
- $x_n \xrightarrow{\|\cdot\|} x \implies x_n \rightharpoonup x$
- $x_n \rightharpoonup x \implies (x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is bounded and $\|x\| \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n\|$
- $x_n \rightharpoonup x$, and $f_n \rightarrow f \implies \langle f_n, x_n \rangle \rightharpoonup \langle f, x \rangle$

Proof. \Leftrightarrow ① Definition of coarser topology + Proposition 1.

\Leftrightarrow ② One has $x_n \rightharpoonup x \iff f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x), \forall f \in E'$.

$$|\langle f, x_n - x \rangle| \leq \|f\| \cdot \|x_n - x\|$$

when $x_n \xrightarrow{\|\cdot\|} x$, so $|\langle f, x_n - x \rangle| \rightarrow_{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$, means $x_n \rightharpoonup x$. \Leftrightarrow ③ $x_n \rightharpoonup x \iff f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x), \forall f \in E'$, we have $\langle f, x_n \rangle$ converges to $\langle f, x \rangle$ for all $f \in E'$. Consider $(\langle f, x_n \rangle)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is convergent so bounded. Let E'' be the bidual of E , and consider $J : E \rightarrow E''$ canonical injection, such that $J(x)(f) = \langle f, x \rangle$. So

$$(J(x_n)(f))_{n \in \mathbb{N}} = (\langle f, x_n \rangle)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$$

$J(x_n)$ is bounded, using uniform boundedness principle we get

$$\|J(x_n)\| < +\infty$$

but $\|J(x_n)\| = \|x_n\| < +\infty$, and

$$|\langle f, x_n \rangle| \leq \|f\| \|x_n\|$$

and thus

$$|\langle f, x \rangle| \leq \|f\| \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n\|$$

which implies

$$\|x\| \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x\|. x \rightharpoonup x, f_n \xrightarrow{\|\cdot\|} f$$

$$|\langle f_n - f, x_n - x \rangle| = |\langle f_n, x_n - x \rangle - \langle f, x_n - x \rangle|$$

Proof is not complete, next time *

□

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Proof. Continuation of the proof.

$$(\text{if } x_n \rightharpoonup x, \text{ and } f_n \rightarrow f \text{ then } \langle f_n, x_n \rangle \rightarrow \langle f, x \rangle)$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle f_n, x_n \rangle - \langle f, x \rangle| &= |\langle f_n, x_n \rangle - \langle f, x_n \rangle + \langle f, x_n \rangle - \langle f, x \rangle| \\ &\leq |\langle f_n - f, x_n \rangle| + |\langle f, x_n - x \rangle| \\ &\leq \|x_n\| \|f_n - f\| + |\langle f, x_n - x \rangle| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow +\infty. \end{aligned}$$

□

Proposition 3.2.4 : Let C be a convex set of E . Then C is closed for the strong topology, if and only if C is closed for the weak topology.

few people see
how strong this
proposition is.

Proof. Suppose that C is closed for the strong topology, and let us show that it's closed for the weak topology. If C is closed for the weak topology, so C^c is open for the weak topology.

(\implies): Let $x_0 \in C^c$, C is closed, C is convex, applying Hahn-Banach theorem there exists $f \in E'$, and $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ such that:

$$f(x_0) < \alpha < f(X), \quad \forall x \in C.$$

from $f(x_0) < \alpha$, one can set:

$$V = \{x \in E : f(x) < \alpha\}$$

remark that $x_0 \in V$. So V is a neighborhood of x_0 in weak topology. we have $V \cap C = \emptyset$, which implies $V \subset C^c$. means that C^c is weak neighborhood of all its element. this means once again that C^c is weakly open, so C is weakly closed.

□

3.3 Weak star topology $\sigma(E', E)$

Let us consider $E' = \mathcal{L}(E, \mathbb{R})$ on E' we can easily define two topologies.

1. The strong topology defined by mean of norms.
2. The weak topology defined as in previous sections by $\sigma(E', E'')$. The definition of $\sigma(E', E'')$ can be done by:

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_f : E' &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ f &\longmapsto \varphi_x(f) = f(x) = \langle f, x \rangle\end{aligned}$$

when x varies in E , we get a family of $(\varphi_x)_{x \in E}$, and the weak topology on $E'(\sigma(E', E''))$ is the easier topology defined on E' which makes all $(\varphi_x)_x$ continuous in the sense (definition).

What we did on E , we will do it on E' . The same but in reverse.

Remark:

In general one can identify E to a proper part of E'' . In some cases we have by identification $E = E''$ (which is called reflexive space). examples:

- $(L^p)'' = L^p \quad 1 < p < +\infty$ reflexive .
- $(C_0)'' \equiv \ell^{+\infty}$
- Any Hilbert space is reflexive.

Remark:

Since $E \subset E''$, that the $\sigma(E', E)$ is weaker than $\sigma(E', E'')$.

Definition 3.3.1 : We call weak star topology defined on E' , the topology $\sigma(E', E)$ which is associated to the family $(\varphi_x)_x$ in the sense of the previous coarser topology.

Proposition 3.3.1 : The topology $\sigma(E', E)$ is Hausdorff.

Proof. Indeed, let $f_1, f_2 \in E'$: $f_1 \neq f_2 \implies \exists x_0 \in E : f_1(x_0) \neq f_2(x_0)$, there there exists $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$f_1(x_0) < \alpha < f_2(x_0)$$

let

$$V_1 = \{f \in E' : f(x_0) < \alpha\} = \varphi_{x_0}^{-1}(-\infty, \alpha)$$

and

$$V_2 = \{f \in E' : f(x_0) > \alpha\} = \varphi_{x_0}^{-1}(\alpha, +\infty)$$

we have $f_1 \in V_1, f_2 \in V_2$. □

Proposition 3.3.2 : Let $f_0 \in E'$, if there exists $\{x_1, \dots, x_k\}$ and $\varepsilon > 0$, the set :

$$V = \{f \in E' : |\langle f - f_0, x_i \rangle| < \varepsilon, i = \overline{1, k}\}.$$

is a neighborhood of f_0 in $\sigma(E', E)$.

Notation: We denote by $f_n \rightharpoonup^* f$ for $\sigma(E', E)$.

Theorem 3.3.3 : Let $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} \subset E'$, and let $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} \subset E$. we have:

$$\textcircled{1} \quad f_n \rightharpoonup^* f \iff \langle f_n, x \rangle \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle f, x \rangle.$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad f_n \rightarrow f \implies f_n \rightharpoonup f \implies f_n \rightharpoonup^* f.$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad f_n \rightharpoonup^* f \implies \text{that } (f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \text{ is bounded and: } \|f\| \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f_n\|.$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad f_n \rightharpoonup^* f, \text{ and } x_n \rightarrow x.$$

Then:

$$\langle f_n, x_n \rangle \rightarrow \langle f, x \rangle$$

but if $f_n \rightharpoonup^* f, x_n \rightharpoonup x$ we can not conclude.

Corollary 3.3.4 (Algebraic) : Let X be a vector space. and let $\Psi, \varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_k$ be $k+1$ linear functionals defined on X , such that:

$$(\varphi_i(v) = 0, i = \overline{1, k}) \implies \Psi(v) = 0, \quad \forall v \in X$$

then there exists $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k$, such that:

$$\Psi = \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i \varphi_i$$

Proof. Let us consider:

$$\begin{aligned} F: \quad X &\longrightarrow && \mathbb{R}^{k+1} \\ u &\longmapsto & F(u) = (\Psi(u), \varphi_1(u), \dots, \varphi_k(u)) \end{aligned}$$

remark that $(1, 0, \dots) \notin F(X)$. Let us denote by $x_0 = (1, 0, \dots, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^{k+1}$. We apply Hahn Banach for $\{x_0\}$, and $F(X)$. so, there exists $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ and $f \in (\mathbb{R}^{k+1})'$. \square