

$$E_1 \subseteq E$$

$$[x] = \{x + E_1, x \in E\}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} [x] + [y] &= [x + y] \\ \lambda[x] &= [\lambda x] \end{aligned} \right\} E/E_1$$

Quotient normed space

Lemma: If $X_0 \hookrightarrow X$, and X_0 is a closed subspace, so the quotient space X/X_0 can be equipped with a norm given by.

$$\|[x]\| = \inf_{y \in X_0} \|x - y\|, \text{ for } [x] \in X/X_0.$$

Proof: If $\|[x]\| = 0$, so there is a succession $y_n \in X_0$, such that X_0 is closed, and then $[x] = 0$.

The multiplication by scalar, result that X_0 is a linear space.

$$\begin{aligned} \|\lambda[x]\| &= \inf_{y \in X_0} \|\lambda(x - y)\| \\ &= \inf_{y \in X_0} |\lambda| \|x - y\| \\ &= |\lambda| \inf_{y \in X_0} \|x - y\| = |\lambda| \|[x]\|. \end{aligned}$$

Left to prove that the triangle inequality. For all $\varepsilon > 0$, we take $z_1, z_2 \in X_0$, such that

$$\|x + z_1\| \leq \|[x]\| + \varepsilon \quad \text{and} \quad \|y + z_2\| \leq \|[y]\| + \varepsilon.$$

then, for each $\varepsilon > 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} \|[x] + [y]\| &= \inf_{z \in X_0} \|x + y + z\| \\ &\leq \|x + y + z_1 + z_2\| \\ &\leq \|x + z_1\| + \|y + z_2\| \\ &\leq \|[x]\| + \|[y]\| + 2\varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

finally, $\|[x] + [y]\| \leq \|[x]\| + \|[y]\|$. ■

There are examples where the norm not fulfills the first property i.e., are non-negatives but it may be zero, for elements different than zero, to this norms we call seminorms.

Definition: A function $p(x)$ in a vectorial space E , is a seminorm if it satisfies the norm properties except that may be zero, for non-zero vectors, $p: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{0\}$.

$$I. p(0) = 0$$

$$II. p(\lambda x) = |\lambda| p(x). \quad \forall x, y \in E, \lambda \in \mathbb{R} \text{ (or } \mathbb{C}).$$

$$III. p(x+y) \leq p(x) + p(y).$$

If p is a seminorm and E_0 is the Kernel of p i.e.,

$$E_0 = \{x \in E : p(x) = 0\}$$

then

I. E_0 is a linear subspace.

$$\text{if } x, y \in E_0, \quad p(x+y) = 0$$

$$p(x+y) \leq p(x) + p(y) = 0.$$

II. $p(x+y)$ is independent of $y \in E_0$.

$$\begin{aligned} p(x+y_1) &\leq p(x+y_2) + \cancel{p(y_1-y_2)} \rightarrow 0. \\ &= p(x+y_2) \end{aligned}$$

and similarly

$$\begin{aligned} p(x+y_2) &\leq p(x+y_1) + \cancel{p(y_2-y_1)} \rightarrow 0. \\ &= p(x+y_1) \end{aligned}$$

finally

$$p(x+y_1) = p(x+y_2).$$

$$p(x+y) \leq p(x) + p(y) = 0.$$

therefore, p may express as a function of cosets.

$$p([x]) = p(x)$$

and it no depends of the represent. Then the seminorm $p(x)$ in E defines from natural way a norm in the quotient E/E_0 .

Example: let the space $C_p[a, b]$, of the continuous function, with norm

$$\|f\| = \left(\int_a^b |f(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p} < \infty$$

the condition that f be continuous in $[a, b]$ is overdone (in pieces with a finite number of discontinuities in $[a, b]$) whose integral it is well define.

Let's consider $L_p[a, b]$ functions f in $[a, b]$ such that

$$|f(x)|^p$$

is Riemann integrable.

Then $\|f\|_p$, is no longer a norm but a seminorm since there is $f \neq 0$; $\|f\|_p = 0$.