

Example: If X, Y are normed spaces, the $L(X, Y)$ is a normed space. If Y is complete, then $L(X, Y)$ is complete. If X is a normed space, then the normed space $X^* = L(X, F)$ is the dual of X :

$$X^* = \{L : X \rightarrow F : L \text{ is continuous and linear}\}$$

Example: Let X, Y, Z be normed spaces. Furthermore, take $T \in L(X, Y), S \in L(Y, Z)$. We have then $S \circ T \in L(X, Z)$. It is easy to check linearity, and boundedness follows from the submultiplicative property of the operator norm, in particular we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{\|x\|_X=1} \|S \circ T(x)\|_Z &= \sup_{\|x\|_X=1} \|S(T(x))\|_Z \leq \sup_{\|x\|_X=1} \|S\|_{L(Y,Z)} \|Tx\|_Y = \|S\|_{L(Y,Z)} \sup_{\|x\|_X=1} \|Tx\|_Y \\ &\leq \|S\|_{L(Y,Z)} \|T\|_{L(X,Y)} \sup_{\|x\|_X=1} \|x\|_X = \|S\|_{L(Y,Z)} \|T\|_{L(X,Y)} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Thus in general we have something like:

$$\|S \circ T\|_{L(X,Z)} \leq \|T\|_{L(X,Y)} \|S\|_{L(Y,Z)}$$

Under this, we note that the bounded linear operators on a normed space form a normed algebra.

We get some additional definitions/facts on $T \in L(X, Y)$:

- (a) T is injective if $\ker(T) = \{x \in X, Tx = 0\} = \{0\}$.
- (b) T is surjective if $\text{range}(T) = \{Tx, x \in X\} = Y$.
- (c) T is an isomorphism of normed spaces if T is bijective.
- (d) T is isometric if $\|Tx\|_Y = \|x\|_X, \forall x \in X$.

Theorem (Riesz Representation Theorem for Hilbert Space). Let H be a Hilbert space. Any bounded linear functional T on H has the form $Tx = \langle x, z \rangle$ for a unique $z \in H$. and $\|T\| = \|z\|$.