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## proof of Banach-Steinhaus theorem

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Let

$$E_n = \{x \in X : \|T(x)\| \leq n \text{ for all } T \in \mathcal{F}\}.$$

From the hypothesis, we have that

$$\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} E_n = X.$$

Also, each  $E_n$  is closed, since it can be written as

$$E_n = \bigcap_{T \in \mathcal{F}} T^{-1}(B(0, n)),$$

where  $B(0, n)$  is the closed ball centered at 0 with radius  $n$  in  $Y$ , and each of the sets in the intersection is closed due to the continuity of the operators. Now since  $X$  is a Banach space, Baire's category theorem implies that there exists  $n$  such that  $E_n$  has nonempty interior. So there is  $x_0 \in E_n$  and  $r > 0$  such that  $B(x_0, r) \subset E_n$ . Thus if  $\|x\| \leq r$ , we have

$$\|T(x)\| - \|T(x_0)\| \leq \|T(x_0) + T(x)\| = \|T(x_0 + x)\| \leq n$$

for each  $T \in \mathcal{F}$ , and so

$$\|T(x)\| \leq n + \|T(x_0)\|$$

so if  $\|x\| \leq 1$ , we have

$$\|T(x)\| = \frac{1}{r} \|T(rx)\| \leq \frac{1}{r} (n + \|T(x_0)\|) = c,$$

and this means that

$$\|T\| = \sup\{\|Tx\| : \|x\| \leq 1\} \leq c$$

for all  $T \in \mathcal{F}$ .