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## scaling of the open ball in a normed vector space

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Let  $V$  be a vector space over a field  $F$  (real or complex), and let  $\|\cdot\|$  be a norm on  $V$ . Further, for  $r > 0$ ,  $v \in V$ , let

$$B_r(v) = \{w \in V : \|w - v\| < r\}.$$

Then for any non-zero  $\lambda \in F$ , we have

$$\lambda B_r(v) = B_{|\lambda|r}(\lambda v).$$

The claim is clear for  $\lambda = 0$ , so we can assume that  $\lambda \neq 0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda B_r(v) &= \{z \in V : \|w - v\| < r \text{ and } z = \lambda w\} \\ &= \{z \in V : \|\frac{z}{\lambda} - v\| < r\} \\ &= \{z \in V : \|z - \lambda v\| < |\lambda|r\} \\ &= B_{|\lambda|r}(\lambda v). \end{aligned}$$