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**Theorem -** Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $M$  a closed subspace. Then  $X/M$  with the quotient norm is a Banach space.

**Proof :** In to prove that  $X/M$  is a Banach space it is enough to prove that every series in  $X/M$  that converges absolutely also converges in  $X/M$ .

Let  $\sum_n X_n$  be an absolutely convergent series in  $X/M$ , i.e.,  $\sum_n \|X_n\|_{X/M} < \infty$ . By definition of the quotient norm, there exists  $x_n \in X_n$  such that

$$\|x_n\| \leq \|X_n\|_{X/M} + 2^{-n}$$

It is clear that  $\sum_n \|x_n\| < \infty$  and so, as  $X$  is a Banach space,  $\sum_n x_n$  is convergent.

Let  $x = \sum_n x_n$  and  $s_k = \sum_{n=1}^k x_n$ . We have that

$$x - s_k + M = (x + M) - (s_k + M) = (x + M) - \sum_{n=1}^k (x_n + M) = (x + M) - \sum_{n=1}^k X_n$$

Since  $\|x - s_k + M\|_{X/M} \leq \|x - s_k\| \rightarrow 0$  we see that  $\sum_n X_n$  converges in  $X/M$  to  $x + M$ .  $\square$