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Author matte (1858) Entry type Example Classification msc 46B99 Let V be the vector space of continuous functions $[-1,1] \to \mathbb{R}$ that are differentiable at 0. Then we can define norms

$$||f|| = \max_{x \in [-1,1]} |f|,$$

and

$$||f||' = ||f|| + |f'(0)|.$$

It is not difficult to find a sequence of functions f_1, f_2, \ldots in V such that

- 1. $f'_k(0) = k$ for k = 1, 2, ...,
- 2. $||f_k|| = 1$.

Then $||f_k|| = 1$, and $||f_k||' = 1 + k$, so there is no C > 1 such that

$$||f||' \le C||f|| \quad f \in V,$$

and $\|\cdot\|$ and $\|\cdot\|'$ cannot be .