## Theorems from Brezis' Functional Analysis, Sobolev Spaces and Partial Differential Equations (first edition)

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## 1 The Hahn-Banach Theorems. Introduction to Conjugate Convex Functions

**Theorem 1.1** (Hahn-Banach). Let E be a vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ , and let  $p: E \to \mathbb{R}$  be a Minkowski functional. Let G be a linear subspace of E and let  $g: G \to \mathbb{R}$  be a linear functional such that  $g(x) \leq p(x)$  for all  $x \in G$ . There exists a linear functional  $f: E \to \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$f(x) = g(x), \forall x \in G,$$

and

$$f(x) \le p(x), \, \forall x \in E.$$

Lemma 1.1 (Zorn). Every nonempty ordered set that is inductive has a maximal element.