

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

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

*and*

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

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

**Corollary 1.2.** *Let  $G$  be a linear subspace of the real vector space  $E$ . If  $g \in G^*$ , then there exists  $f \in E^*$  that extends  $g$  and such that  $\|f\|_{E^*} = \|g\|_{G^*}$ .*

**Corollary 1.3.** *Let  $E$  be a normed real vector space. For every  $x \in E$  there is  $f \in E^*$  such that  $\|f\| = \|x\|$  and  $\langle f, x \rangle = \|x\|^2$ .*

**Corollary 1.4.** *For every  $x$  in the real normed vector space  $E$  we have*

$$\|x\| = \sup_{\substack{f \in E^* \\ \|f\| \leq 1}} |\langle f, x \rangle| = \max_{\substack{f \in E^* \\ \|f\| \leq 1}} |\langle f, x \rangle|.$$

**Proposition 1.5.** *Let  $E$  be a real normed vector space, and let  $H = [f = \alpha] \subset E$  be an affine hyperplane. Then  $H$  is closed if and only if  $f$  is continuous.*

**Theorem 1.6** (Hahn-Banach, 1st geometric). *Let  $E$  be a normed vector space, and let  $A, B \subset E$  be two nonempty convex subsets such that  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ . Assume  $A$  is open, then there exists a closed hyperplane  $H$  that separates  $A$  and  $B$ .*

**Lemma 1.2.** *Let  $E$  be a normed vector space, and let  $C \subset E$  be an open convex set with  $0 \in C$ . For every  $x \in E$  set  $p(x) = \inf \{\alpha : \alpha^{-1}x \in C\}$ . Then  $p$  is a Minkowski functional. Furthermore, there is a constant  $M$  such that  $0 \leq p(x) \leq M \|x\|$ , and  $C = \{x \in E : p(x) < 1\}$ .*

**Lemma 1.3.** *Let  $E$  be a normed vector space, and let  $C \subset E$  be an open convex set. Assume  $x_0 \in E \setminus C$ . Then there exists  $f \in E^*$  such that  $f(x) < f(x_0)$  for all  $x \in C$ . In particular,  $[f = f(x_0)]$  separates  $C$  and  $\{x_0\}$ .*