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We can give the set of bounded linear functions between two norm spaces a norm.

Definition

The *norm* of a bounded linear function is the smallest real number by which we can bound the result on a vector times the norm of that vector.

Notation

Let $((V_1, F_1), |\cdot|_1)$ and $((V_2, F_2), |\cdot|_2)$ be two norm spaces. Let $f : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$ be linear and bounded. The norm of f is the smallest C so that

$$|f(v)|_2 \leq C|v|_1.$$

Equivalent Formulation

Prop. 1. *Let $((V_1, F_1), |\cdot|_1)$ and $((V_2, F_2), |\cdot|_2)$ be two norm spaces. Let $f : V_1 \rightarrow V_2$ bounded and linear. The norm of f is*

$$\sup_{|x|_1=1} |f(x)|_2.$$

