

Chap. 1 Normed spaces and bounded linear operators.

1.1 Preliminaries: read yourself! (cf. MAT 2400 / Spaces by Tom Lindstrom)

1.2 Norms and seminorms

We let \mathbb{F} denote either \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C} .

Let V be a vector space over \mathbb{F} .

A seminorm on V is a map $v \rightarrow \|v\|'$ from V into $[0, \infty)$ satisfying that

$$\begin{cases} \|\lambda v\|' = |\lambda| \|v\|' \\ \|v+w\|' \leq \|v\|' + \|w\|' \end{cases} \quad \text{for all } v, w \in V \text{ and } \lambda \in \mathbb{F}.$$

Note that $\|0\|' = \|0 \cdot v\|' = \underbrace{|0|}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{the number } 0}} \underbrace{\|v\|'}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{the zero vector in } V}} = 0$ (here v is any element in V)

Moreover, note that the seminorm $\|\cdot\|'$ is a norm if and only if $\|v\|' = 0 \Rightarrow v = 0$

Example let X be a vector space (over \mathbb{F}) and Y be a normed space $(Y, \|\cdot\|)$, with norm $\|\cdot\|$.
 Let $T \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y) = \{ \text{all linear maps from } X \text{ into } Y \}$
 For each $x \in X$, define $\|x\|_T := \|T(x)\|$.
 Then $\|\cdot\|_T$ is a seminorm on X :

F.ex. if $x, x' \in X$, then $\|x+x'\|_T = \|T(x+x')\|$
 $= \|T(x) + T(x')\|$
 $\leq \underbrace{\|T(x)\|}_{\|x\|_T} + \underbrace{\|T(x')\|}_{\|x'\|_T}$
 (Annotations: T is linear; Δ -inequality in $(Y, \|\cdot\|)$)
 Showing that the Δ -ineq. holds in $(X, \|\cdot\|_T)$.

Since $\|x\|_T = 0 \Leftrightarrow \|T(x)\| = 0 \Leftrightarrow T(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x \in \ker(T)$
 (Note: $\|\cdot\|$ is a norm)

So $\|\cdot\|_T$ is a norm on X if and only if $\ker(T) = \{0\}$
 i.e. T is 1-1 (= injective)

Let's consider $X = \mathbb{R}^3$ and $Y = \mathbb{R}^2$ with Euclidean norm
 i.e. $\|(y_1, y_2)\|_2 := \sqrt{y_1^2 + y_2^2}$.

Let $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ be the lin. map given by

$$T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_1, x_2)$$

Then T is not 1-1 (since $\ker(T) = \{(0, 0, t) : t \in \mathbb{R}\} \neq \{(0, 0, 0)\}$)

So $\|(x_1, x_2, x_3)\|_T = \|(x_1, x_2)\|_2$ is not a norm on \mathbb{R}^3 ,
 only a seminorm.

From a vector space V equipped with a seminorm $\|\cdot\|'$, we can form a normed space $(\tilde{V}, \|\cdot\|)$ as follows:

We set $v \sim w \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} \|v-w\|' = 0$ for $v, w \in V$.

Then \sim is an equivalence relation on V .

(F. ex. if $v \sim w$ and $w \sim u$, then $\|v-u\|' = \|(v-w)+(w-u)\|' \leq \underbrace{\|v-w\|'}_0 + \underbrace{\|w-u\|'}_0 = 0$)
So $v \sim u$

We let $[v] := \{w \in V \mid v \sim w\}$ denote the equivalence class of v .

and set $\tilde{V} := \{[v] : v \in V\}$. Then we define

$$\begin{cases} [v] + [v'] := [v+v'] & \text{for all } [v], [v'] \in \tilde{V} \\ \lambda \cdot [v] := [\lambda v] & \text{and } \lambda \in \mathbb{F} \end{cases}$$

One checks that these operations are well-defined and that \tilde{V} becomes a vector space (over \mathbb{F}). Moreover, we set

$$\| [v] \| := \|v\|' \quad \text{for } [v] \in \tilde{V}$$

Then this gives a norm on \tilde{V} . (F. ex., assume

$\|[v]\| = 0$. Then $\|v\|' = 0$, i.e. $\|v-0\|' = 0$, i.e. $v \sim 0$,
i.e. $[v] = [0]$ the zero vector
in \tilde{V} .

We will use this procedure in connection with L^p -spaces.

1.3 Aspects of finite-dimensionality

- When X is a normed space (over $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{R}$ or \mathbb{C}), we consider it as a metric space w.r.t. to the metric $d(x, y) := \|x - y\|$ ass. with the norm $\|\cdot\|$.
- Two norms on a vect. space X , say $\|\cdot\|_1$ and $\|\cdot\|_2$, are called equivalent if there exist $C, D > 0$ s.t.

$$\|x\|_2 \leq C \|x\|_1, \text{ and } \|x\|_1 \leq D \|x\|_2 \text{ for all } x \in X.$$

- When $X = \mathbb{F}^n$, ^{for when X is finite dimensional} then it is shown in Lindström's book that all norms are equivalent. It is also shown there that a subset of \mathbb{F}^n is compact (w.r.t. a given norm) if and only if it is closed and bounded (This is called the Heine-Borel property). We will show that this holds in any finite-dim. normed space.

Lemma: Let X, Y be finite-dimensional normed spaces (over \mathbb{F}) and assume $T: X \rightarrow Y$ is an isomorphism of vector spaces (i.e. T is linear and bijective, in which case T^{-1} is also linear). Then T is an isomorphism of normed spaces (i.e. T is linear, bijective and both T and T^{-1} are bounded).

Proof: Let $\|\cdot\|$ denote the norm on X and $\|\cdot\|'$ on Y .

For $x \in X$, set $\|x\|_T := \|T(x)\|'$. Since T is l.l., $\|\cdot\|_T$ is a norm on X . Since X is finite-dim., $\|\cdot\|_T$ is equivalent to $\|\cdot\|$ (cf. the example in 1.2). So there exists $C > 0$ such that

$$\|x\|_T \leq C \|x\| \text{ for all } x \in X, \text{ i.e.}$$

$$\|T(x)\|' \leq C \|x\| \text{ ————, i.e.}$$

T is bounded.

Now, $T^{-1}: Y \rightarrow X$ is an isom. of vect. spaces, so we get similarly that T^{-1} is bounded.

Proposition | Let X be a fin. dim. normed space.

Then X has the Heine-Borel property:

a subset $K \subseteq X$ is compact (\Leftrightarrow) K is closed and bounded

In particular, $X_1 := \{x \in X : \|x\| \leq 1\}$ is compact
(since it is closed and bounded).

Note that if X is not fin. dim., then X_1 is not compact (exercise)

Proof: (\Rightarrow) holds in every metric space.

(\Leftarrow) let K be closed and bounded. we assume $X \neq \{0\}$.

Let $m = \dim X \geq 1$ and pick a basis \mathcal{B} for X and
let $T: X \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^m$ be the coord. map w.r.t. \mathcal{B} .

$$x \mapsto [x]_{\mathcal{B}}$$

Then T is an isomorphism of vect. spaces, so
it is an isom. of normed spaces (by the lemma).

Set $K' := T(K) \subseteq \mathbb{F}^m$.

Then K' is bounded: since K is bounded, we can find $M > 0$

s.t. $\|x\| \leq M$ for all $x \in K$. Then

$$\|T(x)\| \leq \|T\| \|x\| \leq \|T\| \cdot M \quad \text{for all } x \in K$$

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the operator norm of T (which is finite since
 T is bounded)

Moreover, K' is closed: since T^{-1} is bounded, it is continuous.

So $K' = \underbrace{(T^{-1})^{-1}}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{is cont.}}} (K)_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{is closed}}}$ is closed.

Using the Heine-Borel prop. for \mathbb{F}^m , we get that K' is compact

Since T^{-1} is continuous, $K = T^{-1}(K')$ is compact.

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is cont. is comp.

We also note:

Proposition

Let X be a finite-dim. normed space.
Then X is complete (as a metric space),
i.e. X is a Banach space.

Proof. We assume $X \neq \{0\}$. Let $\{x_n\}$ be a Cauchy seq. in X .

Pick an isomorphism $T: X \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^m$ where $m = \dim(X)$.

Consider \mathbb{F}^m with the Euclidean norm $\|\cdot\|_2$.

Then $\{T(x_n)\}$ is a Cauchy seq. in \mathbb{F}^m

(because $\|T(x_n) - T(x_k)\|_2 = \|T(x_n - x_k)\|_2 \leq \|T\| \|x_n - x_k\|$)

Since \mathbb{F}^m is complete, we get that

there exists some $y \in \mathbb{F}^m$ s.t. $T(x_n) \rightarrow y$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

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T is bounded
(by the lemma)

Set $x := T^{-1}(y) \in X$. Then we get that

$$\|x_n - x\| = \|T^{-1}(T(x_n) - y)\| \leq \|T^{-1}\| \|T(x_n) - y\|$$

\uparrow T^{-1} is bounded (by the lemma) \downarrow 0 as $n \rightarrow \infty$

$\rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

i.e. $\{x_n\}$ converges to x . So X is complete.