

## Week 8-10

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Topic: Normed Spaces

**Definition 0.1** *Let  $X$  be a vector space (real or complex). A real-valued function  $\|\cdot\| : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said to be a norm on  $X$  if*

$$\text{N1: } \|x\| \geq 0;$$

$$\text{N2: } \|x\| = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0;$$

$$\text{N3: } \|\alpha x\| = \alpha \|x\|;$$

$$\text{N4: } \|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|,$$

*for all  $x, y \in X$  and for all scalar  $\alpha$ .*

**Remark 0.2** *The norm generalizes the concept of length of a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  to a general vector space  $X$ . In this case we write  $|x| = \|x\|$ .*

**Definition 0.3** *A metric  $d$  on a vector space  $X$  can be defined by using the norm on  $X$  as*

$$d(x, y) = \|x - y\|.$$

*The metric obtained in this way is called the metric induced by the norm.*

$$\text{M1: } d(x, y) = \|x - y\| \geq 0 \text{ (by N1), so } d(x, y) \geq 0;$$

$$\text{M2: } d(x, y) = \|x - y\| = 0 \Leftrightarrow x - y = 0 \text{ (by N2), } \Leftrightarrow x = y;$$

$$\text{M3: } d(x, y) = \|x - y\| = \|-(y - x)\| = |-1| \|y - x\| = d(y, x) \text{ (by N3);}$$

M4:

$$\begin{aligned} d(x, y) = \|x - y\| &= \|x - z + z - y\| \\ &\leq \|x - z\| + \|z - y\| \\ &= d(x, z) + d(z, y), \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ . Therefore,  $d(x, y) = \|x - y\|$  is a metric on  $X$ . Hence  $(X, d)$  is a metric space.

**Remark 0.4** *Every normed space is a metric space but the converse is not true in general.*

**Example 0.5** *Consider  $X = \{x : x \text{ is bounded or unbounded sequence}\}$  and the metric  $d$  on  $X$  is given by*

$$d(x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^i} \frac{|\xi_i - \eta_i|}{1 + |\xi_i - \eta_i|}, \quad (1)$$

where  $x = (\xi_i)$  and  $y = (\eta_i)$ . It is easy to verify that  $d$  is a metric on  $X$ . Now suppose that  $d$  is induced by norm  $\|\cdot\|$  on  $X$ , i.e.  $d(x, y) = \|x - y\|$ . Then

$$\|x\| = d(x, 0) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^i} \frac{|\xi_i|}{1 + |\xi_i|}. \quad (2)$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \|\alpha x\| &= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^i} \frac{|\alpha \xi_i|}{1 + |\alpha \xi_i|} \\ &\neq |\alpha| \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^i} \frac{|\xi_i|}{1 + |\xi_i|} \\ &= |\alpha| \|x\|. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

This implies  $\|\alpha x\| \neq \alpha \|x\|$ . Therefore,  $X$  is not a normed space.

**Definition 0.6** *A normed space is complete if it is complete as metric space. A complete norm space is called a Banach space.*

**2.2-2 Euclidean space  $\mathbf{R}^n$  and unitary space  $\mathbf{C}^n$ .** These spaces were defined in 1.1-5. They are Banach spaces with norm defined by

$$(3) \quad \|x\| = \left( \sum_{j=1}^n |\xi_j|^2 \right)^{1/2} = \sqrt{|\xi_1|^2 + \cdots + |\xi_n|^2}.$$

In fact,  $\mathbf{R}^n$  and  $\mathbf{C}^n$  are complete (cf. 1.5-1), and (3) yields the metric (7) in Sec. 1.1:

$$d(x, y) = \|x - y\| = \sqrt{|\xi_1 - \eta_1|^2 + \cdots + |\xi_n - \eta_n|^2}.$$

We note in particular that in  $\mathbf{R}^3$  we have

$$\|x\| = |x| = \sqrt{\xi_1^2 + \xi_2^2 + \xi_3^2}.$$

This confirms our previous remark that the norm generalizes the elementary notion of the length  $|x|$  of a vector.

**2.2-3 Space  $l^p$ .** This space was defined in 1.2-3. It is a Banach space with norm given by

$$(4) \quad \|x\| = \left( \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\xi_j|^p \right)^{1/p}.$$

In fact, this norm induces the metric in 1.2-3:

$$d(x, y) = \|x - y\| = \left( \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\xi_j - \eta_j|^p \right)^{1/p}.$$

Completeness was shown in 1.5-4.

**2.2-4 Space  $l^\infty$ .** This space was defined in 1.1-6 and is a Banach space since its metric is obtained from the norm defined by

$$\|x\| = \sup_j |\xi_j|$$

and completeness was shown in 1.5-2.

**2.2-5 Space  $C[a, b]$ .** This space was defined in 1.1-7 and is a Banach space with norm given by

$$(5) \quad \|x\| = \max_{t \in J} |x(t)|$$

where  $J = [a, b]$ . Completeness was shown in 1.5-5.

*Lemma 0.7 Show that a metric  $d$  induced by a norm on a normed space  $X$  satisfy*

$$1. \ d(x + a, y + a) = d(x, y);$$

$$2. \ d(\alpha x, \alpha y) = |\alpha|d(x, y),$$

*for all  $x, y, a \in X$  and for any scalar  $\alpha$ . Proof: 1. Since  $d$  is induced by the norm  $\|\cdot\|$ , therefore,*

$$d(x, y) = \|x - y\|.$$

*Now,*

$$\begin{aligned} d(x + a, y + a) &= \|x + a - y - a\| \\ &= \|x - y\| = d(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

*2. For any scalar  $\alpha$*

$$\begin{aligned} d(\alpha x, \alpha y) &= \|\alpha x - \alpha y\| \\ &= |\alpha| \|x - y\| \\ &= |\alpha| d(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

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## 1 Properties of Normed Spaces

**Definition 1.1** *Let  $X$  be a normed space and  $Y$  a nonempty subset of  $X$ . We say that  $Y$  is a subspace of  $X$  if it is a subspace as a vector space with the norm obtained by restricting the norm on  $X$  to the subset  $Y$ . The norm on  $Y$  is said to be induced by the norm on  $X$ .*

**Note 1.2** *If  $Y$  is closed in  $X$ , then  $Y$  is called a closed subspace of  $X$ .*

**Remark 1.3** *A subspace  $Y$  of a Banach space  $X$  is a subspace of  $X$  considered as a normed space. i.e. the completeness of  $Y$  is not essential.*

**Theorem 1.4** *Show that a subspace  $Y$  of a Banach space  $X$  is complete if and only if the set  $Y$  is closed in  $X$ .*

**Proof:** *Suppose that  $Y$  is complete. We show that  $Y$  is closed. For this, we show that  $Y = \bar{Y}$ .*

*Let  $y \in \bar{Y}$ , then there is a sequence  $(y_n)$  in  $Y$  such that  $y_n \rightarrow y$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Now, the sequence  $(y_n)$  being convergent is Cauchy and  $Y$  is complete, so  $(y_n)$  converges in  $Y$ . That is,  $y \in Y$ . Hence  $\bar{Y} \subseteq Y$ . But  $Y \subseteq \bar{Y}$ . Therefore,  $Y = \bar{Y}$ . Hence  $Y$  is closed.*

*Conversely, suppose that  $Y$  is closed. We show that  $Y$  is complete. For this, let  $(y_n)$  be a Cauchy sequence in  $Y$ . Then it is Cauchy in  $X$  (as  $Y$  is subspace of  $X$ ). But  $X$  is complete, so there is  $y \in X$  such that  $y_n \rightarrow y$ . That is,  $Y$  contains infinite number of terms of the sequence  $(y_n)$ . This shows that  $y$  is a limit point of  $Y$ , i.e.  $y \in \bar{Y}$ . Since  $Y$  is closed, so  $y \in \bar{Y} = Y$ . Hence  $Y$  is complete. ■*

By using the concept of metric induced by norm, we now define the convergence of a sequence in normed spaces.

**Definition 1.5** *A sequence  $(x_n)$  in a normed space  $X$*

1. is convergent to a point  $x \in X$  if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x\| = 0. \quad (4)$$

We write it as  $x_n \rightarrow x$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

2. is Cauchy if for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there is an  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $m, n > n_0$ , we have

$$\|x_m - x_n\| < \epsilon. \quad (5)$$

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**Definition 1.6** Let  $x_n$  be a sequence in a normed space  $X$ . Associate with  $(x_n)$ , a sequence  $(S_n)$  of partial sums

$$S_n = x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_n,$$

where  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . If  $(S_n)$  is convergent, say

$$S_n \rightarrow s, \quad \text{that is} \quad \|S_n - s\| \rightarrow 0,$$

then the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n = x_1 + x_2 + \cdots \quad (6)$$

is said to converge or to be convergent,  $s$  is called the sum of the series and we write

$$s = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n = x_1 + x_2 + \cdots .$$

**Remark 1.7** If  $\|x_1\| + \|x_2\| + \cdots$  converges, the series (6) is said to be absolutely convergent. This happens only in case of  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$ . In other words,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|x_n\| < \infty \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n < \infty.$$

But note that, in a normed space  $X$ , this is not true in general. That is, absolute convergence does not implies convergence. However, absolute convergence implies convergence if and only if  $X$  is complete.

We can use the concept of convergence of a series to define a “basis” of normed space.

**Definition 1.8** *Let  $(e_n)$  be a sequence in normed space  $X$  such that for every  $x \in X$  there is a unique sequence of scalars  $(\alpha_n)$  such that*

$$\|x - (\alpha_1 e_1 + \alpha_2 e_2 + \cdots + \alpha_n e_n)\| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty, \quad (7)$$

*then  $(e_n)$  is called a Schauder basis (or basis) for  $X$ . The series*

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \alpha_k e_k \quad (8)$$

*which has the sum  $x$  is then called the expansion of  $x$  with respect to  $(e_n)$ , and we write*

$$x = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \alpha_k e_k \quad (9)$$

**Example 1.9** *Consider the normed space  $l^p$ , The Schauder basis  $(e_n)$  of  $l^p$  space are given by*

$$e_n = \delta_{nj} = \begin{cases} 1 & n = j \\ 0 & n \neq j \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

*that is,  $(e_n)$  is the sequence whose  $n$ th term is 1 and all other terms are zero.*

*Thus, we have*

$$e_1 = (1, 0, 0, 0, \dots)$$

$$e_2 = (0, 1, 0, 0, \dots)$$

$$e_3 = (0, 0, 1, 0, \dots)$$

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**Exercise 1.10** *Show that if a normed space  $X$  has a Schauder basis, then  $X$  is separable.*

**Definition 1.11** *Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  and  $(X', \|\cdot\|)$  be two normed spaces. A mapping  $T$  of  $X$  into  $X'$  is said to be isometric or an isometry if  $T$  preserves norm, that*

is, if for all  $x, y \in X$ ,

$$\|Tx, Ty\| = \|x, y\|. \quad (11)$$

**Theorem 1.12** *Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a normed space. Then show that there is a Banach space  $X$  and an isometry  $A$  from  $X$  onto a subspace  $W$  of  $X$  which is dense in  $X$ . The space  $X$  is unique, except for isometries. Proof:  $\blacksquare$*

## 2 Finite Dimensional Normed Spaces and Subspaces

In this section, we will study some properties of finite dimensional normed spaces. First recall that a normed space  $X$  is called finite dimensional if it is that of a vector space and it is well known that a vector space is finite dimensional if there are finite number of linearly independent vectors in the spanning set of  $X$ . We start with the following important lemma:

**Lemma 2.1** *Let  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  be a linearly independent set of vectors in a normed space  $X$  (of any dimension). Then there is a number  $c > 0$  such that for every choice of scalars  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$ , we have*

$$\|\alpha_1 x_1 + \dots + \alpha_n x_n\| \geq c(|\alpha_1| + \dots + |\alpha_n|). \quad (12)$$

**Proof:** *For simplicity, put  $s = |\alpha_1| + \dots + |\alpha_n|$ . If  $s = 0$ , then  $\alpha_j = 0$  for all  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . So that (12) holds for all  $c > 0$ . Assume now that  $s > 0$ . Then dividing (12) by  $s$  on both sides, we get*

$$\frac{1}{s} \|\alpha_1 x_1 + \dots + \alpha_n x_n\| \geq c. \quad (13)$$

*Since  $s > 0$ , putting  $\frac{\alpha_j}{s} = \beta_j$  in (13), we have*

$$\|\beta_1 x_1 + \dots + \beta_n x_n\| < c, \quad (14)$$

where

$$\sum_{j=1}^n |\beta_j| = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{|\alpha_j|}{s} = 1 \quad \text{as } s = |\alpha_1| + \dots + |\alpha_n|.$$



Now in order to show that (12) holds, it is enough to show that (13) holds for every  $c > 0$  and for every  $n$ -tuple of scalars  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n$  with  $\sum_{j=1}^n |\beta_j| = 1$ .

Suppose on contrary that

$$\|\beta_1 x_1 + \dots + \beta_n x_n\| \leq c. \quad (15)$$

Then there exists a sequence  $(y_m)$  of vectors

$$y_m = \beta_1^m x_1 + \dots + \beta_n^m x_n \quad (16)$$

with  $\sum_{j=1}^n |\beta_j^m| = 1$ , such that

$$\|y_m\| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } m \rightarrow \infty. \quad (17)$$

Now since,  $\sum_{j=1}^n |\beta_j^m| = 1$ , so we have  $|\beta_j^m| \leq 1$ . Hence for each fixed  $j$  the sequence

$$(\beta_j^m) = (\beta_j^1, \beta_j^2, \dots)$$

is bounded. Consequently, by the Bolzano-Weierstrass theorem,  $(\beta_1^m)$  has a convergent subsequence. Denote by  $\beta_1$ , the limit of the sequence  $(\beta_1^m)$  and let  $(y_{1,m})$  denote the corresponding subsequence of  $(y_m)$ .

By the same argument,  $(y_{1,m})$  has a subsequence  $(y_{2,m})$  for which the corresponding subsequence of scalars  $(\beta_2^m)$  converges and let  $\beta_2$  is the limit of  $(\beta_2^m)$ . Continuing in this way, after  $n$  steps we obtain a subsequence  $(y_{n,m}) = (y_{n,1}, y_{n,2}, \dots)$  of  $(y_m)$  whose terms are of the form

$$y_{n,m} = \sum_{j=1}^n \gamma_j x_j, \quad \sum_{j=1}^n |\gamma_j^m| = 1 \quad (18)$$

with scalars  $\gamma_j$  satisfying  $\gamma_j \rightarrow \beta_j$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ . Hence

$$y_{n,m} \rightarrow y = \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j^m x_j, \quad (19)$$

where  $\sum_{j=1}^n |\beta_j^m| = 1$ , so that not all  $\beta_j$  can be zero. Since  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  is a linearly independent set, we thus have  $y \neq 0$ . Now, since

$$y_{n,m} \rightarrow y,$$

this by the continuity of norm implies

$$\|y_{n,m}\| \rightarrow \|y\|.$$

Now since,  $y_{n,m}$  is a subsequence of  $(y_m)$  and from (17), we have  $\|y_m\| \rightarrow 0$ , therefore,  $\|y_{n,m}\| \rightarrow 0$ . By the uniqueness of limit, we have  $\|y\| = 0$ , so that  $y = 0$ . Which is a contradiction to the fact that  $y \neq 0$ . Hence our assumption in (15) is wrong. Consequently,

$$\|\beta_1 x_1 + \cdots + \beta_n x_n\| \geq c, \quad (20)$$

which corresponds

$$\|\alpha_1 x_1 + \cdots + \alpha_n x_n\| \geq c(|\alpha_1| + \cdots + |\alpha_n|) \quad (21)$$

for every  $c > 0$ . ■

**Theorem 2.2** *Every finite dimensional subspace  $Y$  of a normed space  $X$  is complete. In particular, every finite dimensional normed space is complete.*

*Proof:* Suppose that  $(y_m)$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $Y$ . Since  $Y$  is a finite dimensional subspace of a normed space. Assume that  $\dim(Y) = n$  and  $\{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$  any basis for  $Y$ . Then each  $y_m$  has a unique representation of the form

$$y_m = \alpha_1^m e_1 + \cdots + \alpha_n^m e_n. \quad (22)$$

Since  $(y_m)$  is a Cauchy sequence, for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there is an  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $m, r > N$ , we have

$$\|y_m - y_r\| < \epsilon. \quad (23)$$

Now, by Lemma 2.1, there is a  $c > 0$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon > \|y_m - y_r\| &= \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i^m e_i - \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i^r e_i \right\| \\ &= \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n (\alpha_i^m - \alpha_i^r) e_i \right\| \\ &\geq c \sum_{i=1}^n |\alpha_i^m - \alpha_i^r|. \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

This gives

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |\alpha_j^m - \alpha_j^r| < \frac{\epsilon}{c}, \quad (m, r > N), \quad (25)$$

which implies

$$|\alpha_j^m - \alpha_j^r| \leq \sum_{i=1}^n |\alpha_j^m - \alpha_j^r| < \frac{\epsilon}{c} \quad (m, r > N). \quad (26)$$

Hence

$$|\alpha_j^m - \alpha_j^r| < \frac{\epsilon}{c}, \quad (m, r > N). \quad (27)$$

This shows that each of the  $n$  sequences

$$(\alpha_j^m) = (\alpha_j^1, \alpha_j^2, \dots) \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

is Cauchy in  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$ . By the completeness of  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$ , it converges and let  $\alpha_j$  denotes the limit. Using these  $n$  limits  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$ , we define

$$y = \alpha_1 e_1 + \dots + \alpha_n e_n.$$

Clearly,  $y \in Y$ . Furthermore, since  $\alpha_j^m \rightarrow \alpha_j$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|y_m - y\| &= \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_j^m e_j - \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \alpha_j e_j \right\| \\ &= \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n (\alpha_j^m - \alpha_j) e_j \right\| \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n |\alpha_j^m - \alpha_j| \|e_j\| \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

That is,  $y_m \rightarrow y$ . This shows that  $(y_m)$  is convergent in  $Y$ . Since  $(y_m)$  was an arbitrary Cauchy sequence in  $Y$ , this proves that  $Y$  is complete.  $\blacksquare$

**Theorem 2.3** Show that every finite dimensional subspace  $Y$  of a normed space  $X$  is closed in  $X$ .

**Proof:** We have proved that

“Every finite dimensional subspace  $Y$  of a normed space  $X$  is complete.”

Also we know that

“A subspace  $Y$  of a complete normed space  $X$  is itself complete if and only if the set  $Y$  is closed in  $X$ .”

Therefore, we conclude that

“every finite dimensional subspace  $Y$  of a normed space  $X$  is closed in  $X$ ”.

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Note 2.4 In case of infinite dimensional subspace, Theorem 2.3 need not to be true.

Example 2.5 Let  $X = C[0, 1]$  and the norm  $\| \cdot \|$  is defined by

$$\|x(t)\| = \max_{t \in [0, 1]} |x(t)|.$$

Under this norm  $X$  is complete. Let  $Y = \text{Span}(1, t, t^2, \dots)$  be the set of polynomials. Let  $(y_n)$  be a sequence in  $Y$  such that

$$y_n = 1 + t + \frac{t^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{t^n}{n!} + \dots .$$

Now

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1 + t + \frac{t^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{t^n}{n!} + \dots = e^t \notin Y.$$

This shows that  $Y$  is not closed and hence not complete.

### 3 Equivalent Norm

**Definition 3.1** A norm  $\|\cdot\|$  on a vector space  $X$  is said to be equivalent to a norm  $\|\cdot\|_0$  on  $X$  if there are positive numbers  $a$  and  $b$  such that for all  $x \in X$  we have

$$a\|x\|_0 \leq \|x\| \leq b\|x\|_0. \quad (29)$$

**Note 3.2** Equivalent norms on  $X$  define the same topology for  $X$ .

**Theorem 3.3** Show that on a finite dimensional vector space  $X$ , any norm  $\|\cdot\|$  is equivalent to any other norm  $\|\cdot\|_0$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $\dim(X) = n$  and  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$  any basis for  $X$ . Then every  $x \in X$  has a unique representation

$$x = \alpha_1 e_1 + \dots + \alpha_n e_n \quad (30)$$

for any scalars  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$ . Then by Lemma, there is a positive constant  $c$  such that

$$\|x\| = \|\alpha_1 e_1 + \dots + \alpha_n e_n\| \geq c(|\alpha_1| + \dots + |\alpha_n|). \quad (31)$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} \|x\|_0 &= \|\alpha_1 e_1 + \dots + \alpha_n e_n\|_0 \\ &\leq \|\alpha_1 e_1\|_0 + \|\alpha_2 e_2\|_0 + \dots + \|\alpha_n e_n\|_0 \\ &= |\alpha_1| \|e_1\|_0 + |\alpha_2| \|e_2\|_0 + \dots + |\alpha_n| \|e_n\|_0 \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n |\alpha_j| \|e_j\|_0 \\ &\leq k \sum_{j=1}^n |\alpha_j|, \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

where  $k = \max_j \|e_j\|_0$ . This gives

$$\|x\|_0 \leq k(|\alpha_1| + |\alpha_2| + \dots + |\alpha_n|). \quad (33)$$

From (33) and (31), we have

$$\|x\|_0 \leq k(|\alpha_1| + |\alpha_2| + \cdots + |\alpha_n|) \leq \frac{k}{c}\|x\| \quad (34)$$

implies

$$\frac{c}{k}\|x\|_0 \leq \|x\|. \quad (35)$$

Hence

$$a\|x\|_0 \leq \|x\|, \quad (36)$$

where  $a = \frac{c}{k} > 0$ .

Again, by interchanging the role of  $\|\cdot\|$  and  $\|\cdot\|_0$  in above arguments, we get that

$$\|x\| \leq b\|x\|_0. \quad (37)$$

Combining (36) and (37), we have that

$$a\|x\|_0 \leq \|x\| \leq b\|x\|_0. \quad (38)$$

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## 4 Compactness and Finite Dimension

**Definition 4.1** A metric space  $X$  is said to be compact if every sequence in  $X$  has a convergent subsequence. A subset  $M$  of  $X$  is said to be compact if  $M$  is compact considered as a subspace of  $X$ , that is, if every sequence in  $M$  has a convergent subsequence whose limit is an element of  $M$ .

**Lemma 4.2** Show that a compact subset  $M$  of a metric space is closed and bounded.

**Proof:** Suppose that  $M$  is a compact subset of a metric space  $X$ . We first show that  $M$  is closed. For this, we show that  $M = \bar{M}$ .

Let  $x \in \bar{M}$ , then there is a sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $M$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x$ . Since  $M$  is

compact and  $(x_n)$  is a convergent subsequence of itself, so  $x \in M$ , But  $x \in \bar{M}$ .  
So,

$$\bar{M} \subseteq M.$$

But

$$M \subseteq \bar{M}.$$

Hence

$$M = \bar{M}.$$

Therefore,  $M$  is closed.

To show that  $M$  is bounded, assume that it is not. Then there is an unbounded sequence  $(y_n)$  in  $M$  such that  $d(y_n, b) > n$ , where  $b$  is any fixed element. So, there exist no convergent subsequence of  $(y_n)$  because convergent subsequence must be bounded. Which is a contradiction. Hence  $M$  is bounded. ■

**Theorem 4.3** Show that in a finite dimensional normed space  $X$ , any subset  $M \subset X$  is compact if and only if  $M$  is closed and bounded.

**Proof:** Suppose that  $M$  is a compact subset of a metric space  $X$ . We first show that  $M$  is closed. For this, we show that  $M = \bar{M}$ .

Let  $x \in \bar{M}$ , then there is a sequence  $(x_n)$  in  $M$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x$ . Since  $M$  is compact and  $(x_n)$  is a convergent subsequence of itself, so  $x \in M$ , But  $x \in \bar{M}$ .  
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$$M = \bar{M}.$$

Therefore,  $M$  is closed.

To show that  $M$  is bounded, assume that it is not. Then there is an unbounded sequence  $(y_n)$  in  $M$  such that  $d(y_n, b) > n$ , where  $b$  is any fixed element. So,

there exist no convergent subsequence of  $(y_n)$  because convergent subsequence must be bounded. Which is a contradiction. Hence  $M$  is bounded.

Conversely: Suppose now that  $M$  is closed and bounded subset of a finite dimensional normed space  $X$ . Let  $\dim(X) = n$  and  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$  any basis for  $X$ . Let  $(x_m)$  be a sequence in  $M$  then each  $x_m$  has a representation

$$x_m = \alpha_1^m e_1 + \dots + \alpha_n^m e_n. \quad (39)$$

Since  $M$  is bounded, so is the sequence  $(x_m)$ . Then there is  $k > 0$  such that for all  $m$ , we have

$$\|x_m\| \leq k. \quad (40)$$

From (39), (40) and by Lemma, we have

$$k \geq \|x_m\| = \|\alpha_1^m e_1 + \dots + \alpha_n^m e_n\| \geq c \sum_{j=1}^n |\alpha_j^m|, \quad (41)$$

where  $c > 0$ . This gives

$$\sum_{j=1}^n |\alpha_j^m| \leq \frac{k}{c}. \quad (42)$$

Hence the sequence of numbers  $(\alpha_j^m)$  is bounded and, by the Bolzano-Weierstrass theorem, has a point of accumulation  $\alpha_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$ . Therefore,  $(x_m)$  has a subsequence  $(z_m)$  which converges to  $z = \sum \alpha_j e_j$ . Since  $M$  is closed,  $z \in M$ . This shows that the arbitrary sequence  $(x_m)$  in  $M$  has a subsequence which converges in  $M$ . Hence  $M$  is compact. ■