

Generalized Hahn - Banach Theorem on real linear spaces. And Complex linear space.

Statement: - Let  $L$  be a real linear space not necessarily normed and let  $P$  be a Sublinear function on  $L$  i.e.  $P$  is a map from  $L$  into  $\mathbb{R}$  satisfying

$$P(\alpha x + \beta y) \leq \alpha P(x) + \beta P(y) \text{ for all } x, y \in L \text{ and all } \alpha, \beta \geq 0 \quad (1)$$

$$P(\alpha x) = \alpha P(x) \text{ for all } x \in L \text{ and all } \alpha > 0 \quad (2)$$

If  $f$  is a real linear functional defined on a linear subspace  $M$  such that  $f(x) \leq P(x)$  for all  $x$  in  $M$ , then there exists a real linear function  $F$  defined on the whole  $L$  such that  $f = F$  on  $M$  and  $F(x) \leq P(x)$  for all  $x \in L$ .

If  $L$  is complex linear space, then condition (1) is the same for but (2) is modified to  $P(\alpha x) = |\alpha| P(x)$  for all  $x \in L$  and all scalars  $\alpha$ . And  $f$  is a complex linear functional on  $M$  such that  $|f(x)| \leq P(x)$  for all  $x \in M$ .

The conclusion in this case is the same except that we have

$$|F(x)| \leq P(x) \quad \forall x \in L.$$

Proof: I. Let  $L$  be a real linear space.

If  $x_0 \notin M$ . Consider the subspace  $M_0 = (M \cup \{x_0\}) = \{x + \alpha x_0 : x \in M, \alpha \text{ real}\}$

spanned by  $M$  and  $x_0$ .

Define  $f_0$  on  $M_0$  by  $f_0(x + \alpha x_0) = f(x) + \alpha f(x_0)$

where  $\alpha$  is any real number so that  $f_0$  is real valued. It is easy to see that  $f_0$  is linear on  $M_0$  and  $f_0 = f$  on  $M$ . If  $x_1, x_2$  are any vectors in  $M$ , then  $f_0(x_2) - f_0(x_1) = f(x_2 - x_1) \leq P(x_2 - x_1)$  by hypothesis

$$= P((x_2 + x_0) - (x_1 + x_0)) \leq P(x_2 + x_0) + P(-x_1 - x_0) \quad \text{--- by (1)}$$

so that  $-f(x_1) - P(-x_1 - x_0) \leq -f(x_2) + P(x_2 + x_0)$   
Since this inequality holds for arbitrary  $x_1, x_2 \in M$  we conclude that

$$\sup_{y \in M} \{-f(y) - P(-y - x_0)\} \leq r_0 \leq \inf_{y \in M} \{-f(y) + P(y + x_0)\}$$

Choose  $r_0$  to be any real number such that

$$\sup_{y \in M} \{-f(y) - P(-y - x_0)\} \leq r_0 \leq \inf_{y \in M} \{-f(y) + P(y + x_0)\}$$

It follows that

$-f(y) - P(-y - x_0) \leq r_0 \leq -f(y) + P(y + x_0)$  — (3)  
for all  $y \in M$ . With this choice of  $r_0$ , we shall show that  
 $f_0(x) \leq P(x)$  for all  $x \in M_0$

Let  $w = x + \alpha x_0$  be an arbitrary element in  $M_0$ . If  $\alpha = 0$ , then  $f_0(w) = f(x) \leq P(x)$ .

So let  $\alpha \neq 0$  and put  $y = x/\alpha$  in (3) to obtain

$$-f\left(\frac{x}{\alpha}\right) - P\left(-\frac{x}{\alpha} - x_0\right) \leq r_0 \leq -f\left(\frac{x}{\alpha}\right) + P\left(\frac{x}{\alpha} + x_0\right)$$
 — (4)

for all  $x \in M$ . If  $\alpha > 0$ , then right hand inequality in (4) gives

$$r_0 \leq -\frac{1}{\alpha} f(x) + \frac{1}{\alpha} P(x + \alpha x_0)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) + \alpha r_0 \leq P(x + \alpha x_0) \Rightarrow f_0(x + \alpha x_0) \leq P(x + \alpha x_0)$$

And if  $\alpha < 0$ , then the left hand inequality in (4) gives

$$r_0 \geq -f\left(\frac{x}{\alpha}\right) - P\left(-\frac{x}{\alpha} - x_0\right) = -f\left(\frac{x}{\alpha}\right) - P\left(-\frac{1}{\alpha}(x + \alpha x_0)\right)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{\alpha} f(x) - \left(-\frac{1}{\alpha}\right) P(x + \alpha x_0) \text{ by (v) since } -\frac{1}{\alpha} > 0$$

$$= -\frac{1}{\alpha} f(x) + \frac{1}{\alpha} P(x + \alpha x_0)$$

We now multiply both sides of this inequality by  $\alpha$ .

Since  $\alpha < 0$ , the inequality will be reversed.

$$\alpha r_0 + f(x) \leq P(x + \alpha x_0) \Rightarrow f_0(x + \alpha x_0) \leq P(x + \alpha x_0)$$

Thus when  $\alpha \neq 0$ , we obtain

$$f_0(x + \alpha x_0) \leq P(x + \alpha x_0) \text{ for all } x \in M.$$

i.e.  $f_0(w) \leq P(w)$  for all  $w \in M_0$ . Thus  $f_0$  is a real linear functional on  $M_0$  such that  $f_0(x) = f(x)$  for all  $x \in M$  and  $f_0(w) \leq P(w)$  for all  $w \in M_0$ .

If  $M_0 = L$ , then we finish: if not we may repeat the process of extension but what guarantee is there that we shall ever extend to the whole space  $L$ .

It is at this point that Zorn's lemma is needed.  
 Let  $P$  denote the set of all ordered pairs  $(f_1, M_1)$   
 where  $f_1$  is an extension of  $f$  to the subspace  
 $M_1 \supset M$

and  $f_1(x) \leq P(x)$  for all  $x \in M_1$ .

Partially order  $P$  by setting  $(f_1, M_1) \leq (f_2, M_2)$  iff  
 $M_1 \subset M_2$  and  $f_1 = f_2$  on  $M_1$ .  $P$  is evidently non-  
 empty. Let  $\mathcal{Q} = \{(f_i, M_i)\}$  be a chain (i.e. a totally  
 ordered set) in  $P$ . Then it is easy to see that  $\mathcal{Q}$   
 has an upper bound

$(\phi, \cup M_i)$  where  $\phi(x) = f_i(x)$  for all  $x \in M_i$ .

The point to be noted is  $\cup M_i$  is a subspace of  $N$   
 and that  $\phi$  is well-defined because of total  
 ordering on  $\mathcal{Q}$ .

Hence by Zorn's lemma,  $P$  contains a maximal  
 element  $(F, H)$ . To complete the proof, we must  
 show that  $H = N$ . Suppose, if possible,  $N$  contains  
 $H$  properly. Then there exists  $x_0 \in N - H$  and by  
 first part of the theorem,  $F$  can be extended  
 to a functional  $F_0$  on  $H_0 = (H \cup \{x_0\})$  which  
 contains  $H$  properly. But this contradicts the  
 maximality of  $(F, H)$ . Consequently, we must have  
 $H = N$  and the proof is complete.

II. Let  $L$  be a complex linear space.

Here  $f$  is a complex linear functional  
 on  $M$  such that  $|f(x)| \leq P(x)$  for all  $x \in M$ .

Let  $f_1 = \operatorname{Re} f$ , then  $f_1(x) \leq |f(x)| \leq P(x)$  and so by case I,  
 $f_1$  can be extended to a linear map  $F_1$  of  $L$  into  $\mathbb{R}$   
 such that  $F_1 = f_1$  on  $M$  and  $F_1(x) \leq P(x)$  for all  $x \in L$ .

Define  $F$  by  $F(x) = F_1(x) - i F_1(ix)$ ,  $x \in L$ .

Then it is easy to see that  $F$  is a linear functional  
 on  $L$  such that  $F = f$  on  $M$ . What remains to prove is  
 that  $|F(x)| \leq P(x)$  for all  $x \in L$ . Let  $x \in L$  be arbitrary

and write  $F(x) = \gamma e^{i\theta}$  where  $\gamma \geq 0$  and  $\theta$  is real. Then  
 $|F(x)| = \gamma = e^{-i\theta} \cdot \gamma e^{i\theta} = F(e^{-i\theta} x) = F_1(e^{-i\theta} x)$   $\because \gamma$  is real.  
 $\leq P(e^{-i\theta} x) = P(x)$  by (2). proved.

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