

Complex linear spaces and normed linear spaces.

Theorem: - Let  $N$  be a normed linear space and  $x_0 \neq 0$  a non-zero vector in  $N$ , there exists a functional  $F$  in  $N^*$  such that

$$F(x_0) = \|x_0\| \text{ and } \|F\| = 1.$$

In particular, if  $x \neq y$  ( $x, y \in N$ ), then there exists an  $f \in N^*$  such that  $f(x) \neq f(y)$ .

Proof: - Let  $M = \{\alpha x_0\}$  be the linear subspace of  $N$  spanned by  $x_0$ . Define  $f_0$  on  $M$  by  $f_0(\alpha x_0) = \alpha \|x_0\|$ . We show that  $f_0$  is a functional on  $M$  such that  $\|f_0\| = 1$ .  $f_0$  is linear.

Let  $y_1, y_2 \in M$  so that  $y_1 = \alpha x_0, y_2 = \beta x_0$  for some scalars  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . If  $\gamma, \delta$  are any scalars, then

$$\begin{aligned} f_0(\gamma y_1 + \delta y_2) &= f_0(\gamma \alpha x_0 + \delta \beta x_0) = f_0((\gamma \alpha + \delta \beta) x_0) \\ &= (\gamma \alpha + \delta \beta) \|x_0\| \text{ by def. of } f_0 = \gamma \alpha \|x_0\| + \delta \beta \|x_0\| \\ &= \gamma f_0(\alpha x_0) + \delta f_0(\beta x_0) = \gamma f_0(y_1) + \delta f_0(y_2). \end{aligned}$$

$f_0$  is bounded.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } y = \alpha x_0 \in M \text{ so that } \|y\| = \|\alpha x_0\| = |\alpha| \|x_0\| \\ \text{Now } |f_0(y)| = |f_0(\alpha x_0)| = |\alpha| \|x_0\| \\ = |\alpha| \|x_0\| = \|y\| < |y|. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $f_0$  is bounded. It follows that  $f_0$  is a functional on  $M$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Further, } \|f_0\| &= \sup \{ |f_0(y)| : y \in M, \|y\| = 1 \} \\ &= \sup \{ \|y\| : y \in M, \|y\| \leq 1 \} = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Also  $f_0(x_0) = \|x_0\|$  by definition of  $f_0$  (chose  $\alpha = 1$ )

Hence by Hahn-Banach theorem  $f_0$  can be extended to a norm preserving functional  $F \in N^*$  so that

$$F(x_0) = f_0(x_0) = \|x_0\| \text{ and } \|F\| = \|f_0\| = 1.$$

In the particular case, since  $x \neq y, x - y \neq 0$  and so we know that there exists an  $f \in N^*$  such that

$$f(x - y) = \|x - y\| \neq 0 \Rightarrow f(x) - f(y) \neq 0 \Rightarrow f(x) \neq f(y)$$

This shows that  $N^*$  separates vectors in  $N$ .

Theorem: Let  $M$  be a closed linear subspace of a normed linear space  $N$  and  $x_0$  a vector not in  $M$ . Then there exists a functional  $F$  in  $N^*$  such that  $F(M) = \{0\}$  and  $F(x_0) \neq 0$ .

Proof: Consider the natural map

$$\phi: N \rightarrow N/M : \phi(x) = x+M$$

As shown  $\phi$  is a continuous linear transformation and if  $m \in M$ , then  $\phi(m) = m+M = 0$

$$\phi(M) = \{0\} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Also since  $x_0 \notin M$ , we have

$$\phi(x_0) = x_0+M \neq 0 \quad (\text{i.e. } \neq \text{zero vector } M \text{ of } N/M)$$

Hence by Lemma there exists a functional  $f \in (N/M)^*$

$$\text{such that } f(x_0+M) = \|x_0+M\| \neq 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

[ $\because x_0+M \neq \text{zero vector}$ ]

We now define  $F$  by  $F(x) = f(\phi(x))$ . Then  $F$  is a linear functional on  $N$  with the desired properties as shown below.

$F$  is linear.

$$\begin{aligned} F(\alpha x + \beta y) &= f(\phi(\alpha x + \beta y)) = f((\alpha x + \beta y) + M) \\ &= f(\alpha(x+M) + \beta(y+M)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \alpha f(x+M) + \beta f(y+M) \quad [\because f \text{ is linear on } N/M] \\ &= \alpha f(\phi(x)) + \beta f(\phi(y)) = \alpha F(x) + \beta F(y). \end{aligned}$$

$F$  is bounded.

$$\begin{aligned} |F(x)| &= |f(\phi(x))| \leq \|f\| \|\phi(x)\| \\ &\leq \|f\| \|\phi\| \|x\| \leq \|f\| \|x\| \quad (\because \|\phi\| \leq 1) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $f$  is bounded (being a functional), it follows from the above inequality that  $F$  is bounded. Thus  $F$  is a functional on  $N$  i.e.  $F \in N^*$ . Further if  $m \in M$ , then  $F(m) = f(\phi(m)) = f(0) = 0$  [ $\because \phi(m) = 0$  by (1)]  
And  $F(x_0) = f(\phi(x_0)) = f(x_0+M) \neq 0$  by (2).

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