

Exercise 1.3.2 (Re)

Let M_1, M_2 be two dense lin. subsp. of \mathcal{H} , and let $B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$. Then

$$\|B\| = \sup_{\substack{f \in M_1, g \in M_2 \\ \|f\|=1, \|g\|=1}} |\langle f, Bg \rangle|.$$

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Note that, by definition, $\|B\| = \sup_{f \neq 0} \frac{\|Bf\|}{\|f\|} = \sup_{\|f\|=1} \|Bf\|$, and $\|Bf\| \leq \|B\| \cdot \|f\|$

for all $f \in \mathcal{H}$. Then, (i) $\{f_n\}_n \subset \mathcal{H}$: Cauchy $\Rightarrow \{Bf_n\}_n \subset \mathcal{H}$: Cauchy;

(ii) $s\text{-}\lim f_n = f_\infty \Rightarrow s\text{-}\lim Bf_n = Bf_\infty$.

Let $g \in \mathcal{H}$ with $\|g\|=1$. Since $M_2 \subset \mathcal{H}$ is dense, there exists a sequence

$\{g_n\}_n \subset M_2$ s.t. $s\text{-}\lim g_n = g$. We can assume that $\|g_n\|=1$: Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{g_n}{\|g_n\|} - g \right\| &= \left\| (g_n - g) + (1 - \|g_n\|)g \right\| / \|g_n\| \\ &\leq (\|g_n - g\| + |1 - \|g_n\|| \cdot \|g\|) / \|g_n\| \\ &\leq (\|g_n - g\| + \|g - g_n\|) / \|g_n\|. \quad (\because \|g\|=1 \text{ and (1.5)}) \\ &= 2\|g_n - g\| / \|g_n\| \rightarrow 2 \cdot 0 / \|g_n\| = 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Then above observation yields $s\text{-}\lim Bg_n = Bg$, and hence $\lim \|Bg_n\| = \|Bg\|$.

Therefore, we obtain $\|B\| = \sup_{g \in M_2, \|g\|=1} \|Bg\|$.

Now, let $h \in \mathcal{H}$, $h \neq 0$. Then if $\|f\|=1$, $|\langle f, h \rangle| \leq \|f\| \cdot \|h\| = \|h\|$

with equality for $f = h/\|h\|$. Thus $\|h\| = \sup_{\|f\|=1} |\langle f, h \rangle|$, and

by the same argument above, we have $\|h\| = \sup_{f \in M_1, \|f\|=1} |\langle f, h \rangle|$ for all $h \in \mathcal{H}$.

Hence, we obtain

$$\|B\| = \sup_{g \in M_2, \|g\|=1} \|Bg\| = \sup_{g \in M_2, \|g\|=1} \sup_{f \in M_1, \|f\|=1} |\langle f, Bg \rangle|.$$

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