

30.10.2008

Theorem: $(l^\infty, \|\cdot\|_\infty) = (BC(N, K), \|\cdot\|_\infty)$ is a Banach space (i.e. is complete).

Proof: Consider a Cauchy sequence $(x_n)_{n=1}^\infty$ in l^∞ . Each x_n is thus an element of l^∞ so that

$$x_n = (x_{nj})_{j=1}^\infty = (x_{n1}, x_{n2}, \dots)$$

$$\|x_n\|_\infty = \sup_j |x_{nj}|$$

$(x_n)_{n=1}^\infty$ Cauchy means: Given any $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists some natural number N so that

$$\begin{aligned} n, m \geq N &\Rightarrow \|x_n - x_m\|_\infty < \varepsilon \\ &\Rightarrow \|(x_{nj} - x_{mj})_{j=1}^\infty\|_\infty < \varepsilon \\ &\Rightarrow \sup_j |x_{nj} - x_{mj}| < \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

\therefore If we fix any j we have:

Given $\varepsilon > 0 \exists N$ s.t.

$$n, m \geq N \Rightarrow |x_{nj} - x_{mj}| < \varepsilon$$

$\therefore (x_{nj})_{j=1}^\infty$ is a Cauchy sequence in K

$\therefore \exists y_j = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{nj} \in K$ (Since K is complete)

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} x_1 & = & (x_{11}, & x_{12}, & x_{13} \dots, & x_{1j}, & \dots) \\ x_2 & = & (x_{21}, & x_{22}, & x_{23} \dots, & x_{2j}, & \dots) \\ x_3 & = & (x_{31}, & x_{32}, & x_{33} \dots, & x_{3j}, & \dots) \\ & & \downarrow & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\ & & y_1 & y_2 & & y_j & \end{array}$$

Put $y = (y_j)_{j=1}^\infty = (y_1, y_2, y_3 \dots)$ We need two things to show l^∞ is complete:

(a) $y \in l^\infty$

(b) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - y\|_\infty = 0$ or $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|y - x_n\|_\infty = 0$

Proof of (a): To show $y \in l^\infty$ we use the Cauchy criterion with $\varepsilon = 1$ to find $N = N_1$ so that:

$$n, m \geq N_1 \Rightarrow \|x_n - x_m\|_\infty < 1$$

Take $m = N = N_1$. Then:

$$n \geq N_1 \Rightarrow \|x_n - x_{N_1}\|_\infty < \varepsilon = 1$$

Or in other words:

$$\sup_j |x_{nj} - x_{N_1j}| < 1$$

For each j we have:

$$\begin{aligned} n \geq N_1 &\Rightarrow |x_{nj} - x_{N_1j}| < 1 \\ &\Rightarrow |x_{nj}| \leq |x_{nj} - x_{N_1j}| + |x_{N_1j}| \\ &\leq 1 + |x_{N_1j}| \\ &\leq 1 + \|x_{N_1}\|_\infty \\ \Rightarrow |y_j| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |x_{nj}| &\leq 1 + \|x_{N_1}\|_\infty \\ \Rightarrow \sup_j |y_j| &\leq 1 + \|x_{N_1}\|_\infty < \infty \end{aligned}$$

\therefore We have shown that $y \in l^\infty$

Proof of (b):

To show finally that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - y\|_\infty = 0$ take $\varepsilon > 0$. Using the Cauchy condition we can find $N = N_\varepsilon > 0$ so that:

$$n, m \geq N \Rightarrow \|x_n - x_m\|_\infty < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

For any fixed $j \geq 1$ and $n \geq N$ (also fixed for now) we have:

$$\begin{aligned} m \geq N &\Rightarrow |x_{n_j} - x_{m_j}| \leq \|x_n - x_m\|_\infty < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \\ \therefore \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} |x_{n_j} - x_{m_j}| &= |x_{n_j} - y_j| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \\ \therefore n \geq N &\Rightarrow \|x_n - y\|_\infty = \sup_j |x_{n_j} - y_j| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} < \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

We've proved $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - y\|_\infty = 0$

■

Theorem: $(BC(X, \mathbb{K}), \|\cdot\|_\infty)$ is a Banach space for any metric (or topological) space X .

Proof: This is quite similar to the above proof for l^∞ , but we have to take care of continuity. Let $(f_n)_{n=1}^\infty$ be a Cauchy sequence in $BC(X, \mathbb{K})$. Fix any point $t \in X$. We claim that the sequence of scalars $(f_n(t))_{n=1}^\infty$ is Cauchy (i.e pointwise Cauchy). Given $\varepsilon > 0 \exists N > 0$ so that:

$$\begin{aligned} n, m \geq N &\Rightarrow \|f_n - f_m\|_\infty < \varepsilon \\ &\Rightarrow \sup_{x \in X} |f_n(x) - f_m(x)| < \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Take just $x = t$ we get:

$$n, m \geq N \Rightarrow |f_n(t) - f_m(t)| < \varepsilon$$

$\therefore (f_n(t))_{n=1}^\infty$ is Cauchy in $\mathbb{K} \therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty}$ exists in \mathbb{K} We can define a function $g : X \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$ by $g(t) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(t)$ (This function g is now the 'pointwise limit' of the functions $(f_n)_{n=1}^\infty$)

We need to know more:

- (a) g is bounded
- (b) g is continuous
- (c) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f_n - g\|_\infty = 0$ so that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n = g$ in $(BC(X, \mathbb{K}), \|\cdot\|_\infty)$

(a) Fix $\varepsilon = 1$ and choose $N > 0$ so that

$$n, m \geq N \Rightarrow \|f_n - f_m\|_\infty < 1$$

Then take $m = N, n \geq N$. We have

$$n \geq N \Rightarrow \|f_n - f_N\|_\infty < 1$$

For any $t \in X$ we have:

$$\begin{aligned} n \geq N &\Rightarrow |f_n(t) - f_N(t)| \leq \|f_n - f_N\|_\infty < 1 \\ \Rightarrow |f_n(t)| &\leq |f_n(t) - f_N(t)| + |f_N(t)| < 1 + \|f_N\|_\infty \\ \therefore |g(t)| &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |f_n(t)| \leq 1 + \|f_N\|_\infty \end{aligned}$$

True $\forall t \in X$.

$$\therefore \sup_{t \in X} |g(t)| \leq 1 + \|f_N\|_\infty < \infty$$

i.e. g is a bounded function.

(b) To show g is continuous, we use the fact that $f_n \rightarrow g$ uniformly on X as $n \rightarrow \infty$ together with the fact that uniform limits of continuous functions are continuous.

My notes seem to end here

*Beastiality isn't half as common in the West of Ireland as I make it out to be*¹

¹Michael Alfonsus Gallagher