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Theorem

Let M be a closed linear subspace of a normed linear space E. If the norm of a coset [x]= x + M in the quotient space E/M is defined by

 $||x + M|| = inf \{||x + v||: v \in M\}$

Then E/M is a normed linear space.Further, if E is a Banach space , then E/M is also a banach space.

Proof

Clearly ||x + M|| is well-defined and $||x + M|| \ge 0$.

Since $0 \in M$, it is clear that if x + M = M, the zeros vector in E/M then

$$||x + M|| = ||M|| = \inf_{v \in M} ||v|| = 0$$

If ||x + M|| = 0, then from the definition of the norm as an infimum, there exists a sequence (z_n) of points of M such that

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} ||x + z_n|| = ||x + M|| = 0$$

Hence $x + z_n \rightarrow 0$ or $z_n \rightarrow -x$, Since M is closed, $-x \in M$, hence $x \in M$ and therefore x + M = M, the zero vector of E/M.

Thus ||x + M|| = 0 iff x + M = M, the zero vector of E/M. Next, let a be any scalar. Then

$$||ax + M||$$

= $\inf_{v \in M} ||ax + v|| = \inf_{v \in M} ||ax + av||$

Provided $a \neq 0$ (the result being trivially obtained when a = 0)

Hence

$$||ax + M|| = |a| \inf_{v \in M} ||x + v|| = |a| ||x + M||$$

Thus ||a[x]|| = |a|.||[x]||

Finally, let $x + M \cdot Y + M \in E/M$. Then

$$(x + M) + (y + M) = (x + y) + M$$

||(x + M) + (y + M)|| = ||x + y + M||

But since ||x + y + M|| has been defined as an infimum, so there exist sequences (z_n) and (w_n) of points of M such that |

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}||x+z_n||=||x+M||$$

And $\lim_{n\to\infty} ||y+w_n|| = ||y+M||$

Thus $||[x] + [y]|| \le ||[x]|| + ||[y]||$

Therefore E/M is a normed linear space.

Now let E be a Banach space . Then we prove that E/M is a Banach space

For this we start with a Cauchy sequence, in E/M.

Since it is assumed to be a Cauchy sequence, if a convergent subsequence of the sequence can be extracted, it follows that the entire sequence must converge to the same limit as the subsequence. It is clearly possible to find a subsequence $(x_n + M)$ of the original Cauchy sequence such that

$$||(x_1 + M) - (x_2 + M)|| < \frac{1}{2}$$
$$||(x_2 + M) - (x_3 + M)|| < \frac{1}{4}, \text{ and in general}$$
$$||(x_n + M) - (x_{n+1} + M)|| < \frac{1}{2^n}$$

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We prove that this sequence is convergent in E/M.

We take any $y_1 \in x_1 + M$ and $y_2 \in x_2 + M$ such that $||y_1 - y_2|| < \frac{1}{2}$.

Again we select y_3 in $x_3 + M$ such that

$$||y_n - y_{n+1}|| < \frac{1}{2^n}$$

If < n , then

$$||y_{m} - y_{n}|| \leq ||y_{m} - y_{m+1}|| + ||y_{m+1} - y_{m+2}|| + \cdots \dots ||y_{n-1} - y_{n}|| < \frac{1}{2^{m}} + \frac{1}{2^{m+1}} + \cdots \dots + \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} < \frac{1}{2^{m-1}}$$

Hence (y_n) is a Cauchy sequence in E. E is complete ,there exists $y \in E$ such that $y_n \rightarrow y$.

Now $||(x_n + M) - (y + M)|| \le |y_n - y|$

Hence $x_n + M \rightarrow y + M \in E/M$

Therefore, E/M is complete. Hence $\frac{E}{M}$ is a Banach space.

Hence