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Projection on Banach spaces

A projection on a Banach space B is an idempotent operator E on B

In other words E is a projection on B if

- (i) $E^2 = E$ i.e E is a projection on B in the algebraic sense
- (ii) E is continuous.

Theorem

Let P be a projection on a Banach space B and let M and N be its range and null space respectively. Then M and N are closed linear manifolds (subspace) of B such that $B = M \oplus N$.

Proof

By definition

P is a projection on a Banach space

- (i) P is a projection in the algebraic sense and
- (ii) P is continuous

But (i) implies that $B = M \oplus N$

where M and N are range and null spaces of P respectively.

Now we use to prove that M and N are closed subspaces of B .

By definition of a null space

$$N = \{x: P(x) = 0\} = P^{-1}(\{0\})$$

Since P is continuous and $\{0\}$ is closed in B , it follows that $P^{-1}(\{0\})$ is a closed subspace of B .

We know that in a metric space, every singleton set is closed.

$$M = \{x: P(x) = x\} = \{x: (I - P)(x) = 0\}$$

i.e M is the null space of I-P .

But since the identity map I is always continuous
I-P is also continuous. Hence so its null space M must
be closed.