

If X is a Banach Space, because it is a complete metric space Baire category theorem applies. If $X = \cup_{i=1}^{\infty} C_i$ is a countable union of closed sets at least one of them will have interior. If $\{C_i\}$ are not closed then at least one of them will have a closure that will have a nonempty interior. There are three applications we have in mind.

1. Uniform Boundedness principle. If $T_n : X \rightarrow Y$ are bounded linear maps from X to another Banach space Y and if for each $x \in X$

$$\sup_n \|T_n x\| = C(x) < \infty$$

then

$$\sup_n \sup_{\|x\| \leq 1} \|T_n x\| = \sup_n \|T_n\| < \infty$$

Proof: Write

$$X = \cup_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \{x : \sup_n \|T_n x\| \leq \ell\} = \cup_{\ell=1}^{\infty} C_{\ell}$$

Clearly each $C_{\ell} = \{x : \sup_n \|T_n x\| \leq \ell\}$ is closed. By the Baire category theorem one of them has an interior. Let

$$\{y : \|y - y_0\| \leq \delta_0\} \subset C_{\ell_0}$$

for some y_0, δ_0 and ℓ_0 . Then if $\|z\| \leq \delta_0$,

$$\|T_n z\| = \|T_n(y_0 + z) - T_n y_0\| \leq \|T_n(y_0 + z)\| + \|T_n y_0\| \leq 2\ell_0$$

Therefore

$$\sup_n \|T_n\| = \sup_n \sup_{\|x\| \leq 1} \|T_n x\| \leq \frac{2\ell_0}{\delta_0}$$

2. Open Mapping Theorem. Let $T : X \rightarrow Y$ be bounded linear map that maps X onto Y . Then the image TG of any open set $G \subset X$ is open in Y .

Proof: Let B_{ℓ} be the ball of radius ℓ in X and $D_{\ell} = TB_{\ell}$ its image in Y . Since T is onto $Y = \cup_{\ell=1}^{\infty} D_{\ell}$ and by Baire category theorem at least one of the D_{ℓ} say D_{ℓ_0} will have a closure C_{ℓ_0} with non empty interior, i.e it will contain a ball $\{y : \|y - y_0\| < \delta_0\}$. Since the difference of two balls of radius ℓ_0 is contained in a ball of radius $2\ell_0$ it is clear that the closure of the image of a ball of radius $2\ell_0$ will contain a ball of radius δ_0 around 0 in Y . By scaling, the closure of the image of a ball of radius $C\epsilon$ in X will contain a ball of radius ϵ with $C = \frac{2\ell_0}{\delta_0}$ in Y . Let us prove that the image of a ball of radius $2C$ contains the ball of radius 1. Given y with $\|y\| < 1$ we can find x_1 such that $\|x_1\| \leq C$ and $\|Tx_1 - y\| < \frac{1}{2}$. With $y_1 = (y - Tx_1)$ we can find x_2 such that $\|x_2\| \leq \frac{C}{2}$ and $\|Tx_2 - y_1\| \leq \frac{1}{4}$ and so on. The sequence x_n will have the property $\|x_n\| \leq \frac{C}{2^n}$ and $T(\sum_i x_i) = y$. The completeness is needed to sum $\sum_i x_i$. The image of a big ball contains the unit ball. Therefore the image of any ball which is obtained from the image of the unit ball by dilation and translation will contain a ball. This is the open mapping theorem.

Corollary. If T is bonded, one to one and onto its inverse is bounded.

Proof: If the image of a ball of radius C contains the unit ball the inverse if it exists is bounded by C .

Corollary. If $\|x\|$ and $\|x\|$ are two complete norms on X such that $\|x\| \leq C\|x\|$ then for some other C' $\|x\| \leq C'\|x\|$

Proof: Think of X under $\|x\|$ and $\|x\|$ as X and Y and the identity map as T . It is one to one, bounded and onto. Hence the inverse which is identity going in the other direction is bounded.

3. Closed Graph Theorem. Let T be a linear map from $X \rightarrow Y$. Its graph is the set $\{(x, Tx) : x \in X\} \subset X \times Y$. It is a linear subset of $X \times Y$ which is a Banach space with norm $\|x\| + \|y\|$. The graph is closed if the set $\{(x, Tx) : x \in X\}$ is closed as a subspace of $X \times Y$. If the graph is closed then T is bounded. The graph being closed amounts to: if $x_n \rightarrow x$ and $Tx_n \rightarrow y$, then $Tx = y$.

Proof: Consider the map S from the graph $Z \subset X \times Y$ to X that sends $(x, Tx) \rightarrow x$. It is clearly bounded by 1 because $\|x\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$. It is onto. Z is a closed subspace of a Banach space and so is a Banach space. Hence the inverse of S that sends $x \rightarrow (x, Tx)$ is bounded, i.e T is bounded.