

Banach Space Valued Mean Periodic Functions

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Abstract

Here we give a necessary and sufficient condition for a Banach space to be separable.

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For a Banach space B over the complex field \mathbb{C} , let $C(\mathbb{R}, B)$ denote the set of all continuous functions defined on the real line \mathbb{R} taking values in B with the compact convergence topology. When $B = \mathbb{C}$ we write $C(\mathbb{R})$ for $C(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C})$. For a function ϕ in $C(\mathbb{R}, B)$ let $\tau(\phi)$ denote the closure in $C(\mathbb{R}, B)$ of the span of all translates of ϕ .

Definition 1. *A function ϕ in $C(\mathbb{R}, B)$ is said to be mean periodic if $\tau(\phi) \neq C(\mathbb{R}, B)$.*

We prove the following theorem.

Theorem *A Banach space B is separable if and only if not all functions in $C(\mathbb{R}, B)$ are mean periodic.*

Preliminaries Let B^* be the dual of B and let B_s^* denote the space B^* along with the weak $*$ topology on it. Let μ be a countably additive, regular, vector valued, Borel measure on \mathbb{R} taking values in B_s^* . For a Borel set $b' \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, set $\|\mu(b')\| = \sup_{\|v\| \leq 1} |\langle v, \mu(b') \rangle|$. This is the norm in the Banach space B^* . For a Borel set b in \mathbb{R} let $P(b)$ be the set of all finite Borel partitions of b . If $\sup_{P(b)} \sum_{b'} \|\mu(b')\| < \infty$ (where the sum is taken over $\{b'\}$ which form a finite Borel partition of b , for all Borel sets b in B , then μ is said to be of bounded variation.

Let $M(\mathbb{R}, B_s^*)$ be the space of all vector valued Borel measures μ on \mathbb{R} taking values in B_s^* with the following properties:

1. μ is countably additive and regular,
2. μ has compact support in \mathbb{R} ,
3. μ is of bounded variation,
4. there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that for any Borel set b of \mathbb{R} , $\|\mu(b)\| \leq C$ where $\|\cdot\|$ denotes the norm in the Banach space B^* .

Let $\mu \in M(\mathbb{R}, B_s^*)$ with support K . Let b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n be a Borel partition of K and v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n be arbitrary elements of B . Then $\phi = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i \chi_{b_i}$ is a simple function from \mathbb{R} to B . Then $\int \phi d\mu$ is defined as

$$\int \phi d\mu = \sum_{i=1}^n \langle v_i, \mu(b_i) \rangle$$

Now let $\phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow B$ be any continuous function and let μ and K be as before. For any $\epsilon > 0$ we can get a finite Borel partition $\{b_i\}$ of K such that $\|\phi(x) - \phi(y)\| < \epsilon$ for all x, y in b_i for all i . Choose any point $x_i \in b_i$. Define the simple function $\phi_\epsilon = \sum \phi(x_i) \chi_{b_i}$. Then $\int \phi d\mu = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int \phi_\epsilon d\mu$. This limit exists and is independent of the choice of the Borel partition $\{b_i\}$ and also of the choice of the points $\{x_i\}$ (see [2]).

For a function $f \in C(\mathbb{R})$ and a measure $\mu \in M(\mathbb{R}, B_s^*)$ we define the integral $\int f d\mu$ in a similar way: for a simple function $f = \sum_i y_i \chi_{b_i}$ where $y_i \in \mathbb{C}$ and $\{b_i\}$ is a Borel partition of K , the support of μ , define $\int f d\mu = \sum_i y_i \mu(b_i) \in B_s^*$. For $f \in C(\mathbb{R})$, $\int f d\mu = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int f_\epsilon d\mu$, where f_ϵ are simple functions defined as before. Therefore $\int f d\mu$ is an element of B_s^* .

Singer's Theorem (see [2]): The dual of $C(\mathbb{R}, B)$ is the space $M(\mathbb{R}, B_s^*)$.

Using Hahn Banach Theorem it is easy to see that a function ϕ is mean periodic if and only if there exists a nonzero measure μ in $M(\mathbb{R}, B_s^*)$ such that $\phi * \mu = 0$.

Proof of the theorem Suppose B is not separable. Let ϕ be any function in $C(\mathbb{R}, B)$. Since \mathbb{R} is separable, $\phi(\mathbb{R})$ is separable. Let B_1 be the closure of the space generated by $\phi(\mathbb{R})$. It is easy to see that B_1 is also separable. Moreover, range of any function in $\tau(\phi)$ is contained in B_1 . Since B_1 is a proper subspace of B we can find a function in $C(\mathbb{R}, B)$ whose range is not contained in B_1 . Hence $\tau(\phi) \neq C(\mathbb{R}, B)$.

Conversely, if B is separable we will show that there exists a function in $C(\mathbb{R}, B)$ which is not mean periodic. First we will take B to be l^1 , the space of absolutely summable sequences in \mathbb{C} . For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let $e_n = (0, \dots, 1, 0, \dots)$ be the sequence in l^1 where 1 occurs only at the n th entry. For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ we define an element $\{a_j(n)\}_{j=1}^\infty$ in l^1 and a sequence of real numbers $\{\lambda_j(n)\}_{j=1}^\infty$ such that:

1. $a_j(n)$ is nonzero for all j and n .
2. If we denote $\sum_{j=1}^\infty |a_j(n)| = a(n)$, then $\sum_{n=1}^\infty a(n) < \infty$ (that is, $\{a(n)\}_{n=1}^\infty$ is also in l^1).
3. $\lambda_j(n)$ are all different. that is, if $\lambda_j(n) = \lambda_i(m)$ then $j = i$ and $n = m$.
4. The sequence $\{\lambda_j(n)\}_{j=1}^\infty$ converges to a real number, say $\lambda(n)$.

For a real number $s \in \mathbb{R}$ define $f_n(s) = \sum_{j=1}^\infty a_j(n)e^{i\lambda_j(n)s}$. Then $f_n : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is continuous. Put $\phi(s) = \sum_{n=1}^\infty f_n(s)e_n$. It is easy to see that $\phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow l^1$ is continuous. The series $\sum_{n=1}^\infty f_n e_n$ converges to the function ϕ uniformly on \mathbb{R} . We will show that for this function $\phi \in C(\mathbb{R}, l^1)$, $\tau(\phi) = C(\mathbb{R}, l^1)$.

Suppose not. Then by Singer's theorem there exists a nonzero measure $\mu \in M(\mathbb{R}, l_s^\infty)$ such that $\phi * \mu = 0$. Let K be the compact support of μ .

$$0 = \phi * \mu = \sum_{n=1}^\infty (f_n e_n * \mu) = \sum_{n=1}^\infty \langle e_n, f_n * \mu \rangle.$$

For the last equality refer to theorem III.2.6 in [2]. For $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and a Borel set b in \mathbb{R} , put $\mu_n(b) = \langle e_n, \mu(b) \rangle$. Then μ_n is a countably additive,

regular complex measure with compact support contained in K (see the proof of Singer's theorem in [2]). We can write $\mu(b) = (\mu_1(b), \mu_2(b), \dots) \in l_s^\infty$. For any $f \in C(\mathbb{R})$ we have $\langle e_n, \int f d\mu \rangle = \int f d\mu_n$: this is true for characteristic functions so also for simple functions. By the limiting process one can prove it for any continuous function on \mathbb{R} . So by (1) we get $\sum f_n \star \mu_n = 0$. That is,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} a_j(n) \hat{\mu}_n(\lambda_j(n)) e^{i\lambda_j(n)s_0} = 0 \forall s_0 \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Since $\hat{\mu}_n(\lambda_j(n))$ are uniformly bounded by $\|\mu\|$ the left hand side is an almost periodic function. Because $a_j(n) \neq 0$ for all j, n , this implies $\hat{\mu}_{n_j}(n) = 0$. The zero's of the holomorphic function $\hat{\mu}_n$ have a limit point $\lambda(n)$. Therefore $\mu_n = 0$ for all n and hence $\mu = 0$, a contradiction.

Now let B be an arbitrary separable Banach space. Since B is separable we can find a countable set $\{h_n\}$ in B such that $\|h_n\| = 1$ for all n and the subspace H generated by $\{h_n\}$ is dense in B . Define a function $\psi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow B$ by $\psi(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(s) h_n$ where f_n 's are defined as before. Then this series converges in B and the function ψ is continuous. Let $g \in C(\mathbb{R})$ be any function. Then we claim that $gh_1 \in \tau(\psi)$:

Since $\tau(\phi) = C(\mathbb{R}, l^1)$ we know that ge_1 is a limit (in $C(\mathbb{R}, l^1)$) of a sequence of linear combinations of translates of ϕ . That is, $ge_1 = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \Phi_m$ where for each $m \in \mathbb{N}$, Φ_m is a finite sum $\Phi_m = \sum c_i \phi_{y_i}$. Define $\Psi_m = \sum c_i \psi_{y_i}$ for each m . Then $gh_1 = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \Psi_m$: Let $\epsilon > 0$ and C be a compact subset of \mathbb{R} . For any $s \in C$

$$\begin{aligned} \|g(s)h_1 - \Psi_m(s)\| &= \|g(s)h_1 - \sum c_i \psi_{y_i}(s)\| \\ &= \|g(s)h_1 - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_i c_i (f_n)_{y_i}(s) h_n\| \\ &\leq |g(s) - \sum_i c_i (f_1)_{y_i}(s)| + \sum_{n \geq 2} \left| \sum_i c_i (f_n)_{y_i}(s) \right| \\ &= \|g(s)e_1 - \Phi_m(s)\|_{l^1} \leq \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

for all m sufficiently large.

Similarly we can prove that any finite sum $\sum g_i h_i$ in $C(\mathbb{R}) \otimes H$ is in $\tau(\psi)$. Since $\tau(\psi)$ is closed and $C(\mathbb{R}) \otimes H$ is dense in $C(\mathbb{R}) \otimes B$, we get $C(\mathbb{R}) \otimes B \subseteq \tau(\psi)$. But $C(\mathbb{R}) \otimes B$ is dense in $C(\mathbb{R}, B)$ (see [2]). Hence $\tau(\psi) = C(\mathbb{R}, B)$.

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