

**Def** Let  $E$  be a Banach space with basis  $(e_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ .  
 Given  $x \in E$  with  $x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x_n e_n$  we define

$$\|x\|_0 = \sup_{N > 0} \left\| \sum_{i=0}^N x_i e_i \right\|$$

**Obs** As  $(\sum_{i=0}^N x_i e_i)_{N \in \mathbb{N}}$  is convergent, it is also bounded.  
 Hence  $\|\cdot\|_0$  is well-defined and it is a norm on  $E$ .

**Theorem 1** Let  $E$  be a Banach space with a basis  $(e_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ .  
 Then  $\|\cdot\|$  and  $\|\cdot\|_0$  are equivalent norms on  $E$ .

**Theorem 2** Let  $E$  be a Banach space and let  $(e_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence in  $E$ . Then  $(e_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a basis for  $E$  iff

1) each  $e_n$  is non-zero

2)  $\overline{\text{span}(e_n)} = E$

3)  $\exists K > 0$  such that  $\forall (x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  sequence of scalars and each  $N < M$  we have

$$\left\| \sum_{n=0}^N x_n e_n \right\| \leq K \left\| \sum_{n=0}^M x_n e_n \right\|$$

proof of  $\Rightarrow$

Suppose  $(e_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a basis. By theorem 1 there exists  $K$  such that

$$\|x\| \leq \|x\|_0 \leq K \|x\| \quad \forall x \in E$$

We have 1) by the uniqueness of the expansion

of  $0 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 0 e_n$ . Condition 2) is clear.

For condition 3) let  $(y_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of scalars defined by  $y_n = x_n$  for  $n \leq M$  and  $y_n = 0$  otherwise.

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \sum_{n=0}^N x_n e_n \right\| &= \left\| \sum_{n=0}^N y_n e_n \right\| \leq \left\| \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} y_n e_n \right\|_0 \leq K \left\| \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} y_n e_n \right\| \\ &= K \left\| \sum_{n=0}^M x_n e_n \right\| \end{aligned}$$

□

Def The smallest constant which satisfies 3) is the basis constant of the basis  $(e_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ .

Obs by theorem 1 we can always renorm  $E$  to give a basis of constant 1.

Lemma 3 Let  $E$  be an infinite-dimensional Banach space, let  $F$  be a finite-dimensional subspace of  $E$ , and let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Then there exists  $x \in E$  s.t.  $\|x\| = 1$  and

$$\|y\| \leq (1 + \varepsilon)\|y + \alpha x\|$$

for all  $y \in F$  and all scalars  $\alpha$ .

Theorem 4 Every Banach space  $E$  contains a basic sequence.

proof We use induction to pick a sequence of norm-one vectors  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that condition 3) of theorem 2 always holds, with  $K=2$  say (the proof works for any  $K > 1$ ).

Suppose we have chosen  $x_0, \dots, x_n$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that

$$\left\| \sum_{k=0}^m \alpha_k x_k \right\| \leq (2 - \varepsilon) \left\| \sum_{k=0}^n \alpha_k x_k \right\|$$

for any  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and any scalars  $(\alpha_k)_{k=0}^n$ . Note that we can clearly do this for  $n=1$ . We now try to find  $x_{n+1}$ . We need to ensure that  $\|x_{n+1}\| = 1$  and that for some  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$  we have that

$$\left\| \sum_{k=0}^m \alpha_k x_k \right\| \leq (2 - \varepsilon_0) \left\| \sum_{k=0}^{n+1} \alpha_k x_k \right\|$$

for any  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and any scalars  $(\alpha_k)_{k=0}^{n+1}$ .

Let  $F_n$  be the linear span of  $x_0, \dots, x_n$ , a finite-dimensional subspace of  $E$ . Use the Lemma 3 to find  $x_{n+1}$  s.t.

$\|y\| \leq (1 + \delta)\|y + \alpha_{n+1} x_{n+1}\|$  for each  $y \in F_n$  and each scalar  $\alpha_{n+1}$ , where  $\delta > 0$  is chosen so that

$$(2 - \varepsilon)(1 + \delta) = 2 - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}, \text{ i.e. } \delta = \frac{\varepsilon}{2(2 - \varepsilon)}.$$

Then, for a sequence of scalars  $(\alpha_k)_{k=0}^{n+1}$  let  $y = \sum_{k=0}^n \alpha_k x_k \in F_n$   
 so that for  $m \leq n$  we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \sum_{k=0}^m \alpha_k x_k \right\| &\leq (2-\varepsilon) \left\| \sum_{k=0}^n \alpha_k x_k \right\| = (2-\varepsilon) \|y\| \leq \\ &\leq (2-\varepsilon)(1+\delta) \|y + \alpha_{m+1} x_{m+1}\| = (2-\varepsilon/2) \left\| \sum_{k=0}^{n+1} \alpha_k x_k \right\| \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

**Def** A Banach space  $X$  is said to be finitely representable in a Banach space  $Y$  if for every finite dimensional subspace  $E$  of  $X$  and every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a finite dimensional subspace  $F$  of  $Y$  s.t.  $d(E, F) \leq 1 + \varepsilon$

i.e.

there exists an isomorphism  $T: E \rightarrow F$  s.t.

$$(1+\varepsilon)^{-1} \|x\| \leq \|Tx\| \leq (1+\varepsilon) \|x\| \quad \forall x \in E$$

**Prop** A Banach space  $X$  is finitely representable in  $Y$  if and only if there is a subspace  $Z$  of some ultra product of  $Y$  so that for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is an isomorphism  $T: X \rightarrow Z$  s.t.

$$(1+\varepsilon)^{-1} \|x\| \leq \|Tx\| \leq (1+\varepsilon) \|x\|$$

**Def** Let  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a basic sequence in a Banach space  $X$ . A spreading model of  $(x_n)$  is a basic sequence  $(y_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  (not necessarily in  $X$ ) such that for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $K \in \mathbb{N}$  there is an  $N$  such that

$$(1+\varepsilon)^{-1} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^K a_i y_i \right\| \leq \left\| \sum_{i=1}^K a_i x_{n_i} \right\| \leq (1+\varepsilon) \left\| \sum_{i=1}^K a_i y_i \right\|$$

for all  $N < n_1 < n_2 \dots < n_K$  and sequences of scalars  $(a_i)_{i=1}^K$ .

Obs Saying that the basic sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  in  $X$  has a spreading model  $(y_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  in  $Y$  is stronger than saying that  $\text{span}(y_n)$  is finitely represented in  $X$ .

Ramsey's theorem Let  $k$  and  $r$  be positive integers. Then for every  $r$ -coloring of  $[N]^k$  there exists  $X \in [N]^\infty$  s.t.  $[X]^k$  is monochromatic.

Corollary 6 Let  $K$  be a totally bounded metric space. For every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , any positive integer  $k$  and any function  $F: [N]^k \rightarrow K$  there is an  $X \in [N]^\infty$  s.t.  $d(F(A), F(B)) < \varepsilon$  for every  $A, B \in [X]^k$ .

proof Since  $K$  is totally bounded we may cover it with sets  $B_1 \dots B_r$  each of diameter less than  $\varepsilon$ . Given  $A \in [N]^k$  let's define  $g(A)$  to be the least  $j$  s.t.  $F(A) \in B_j$ . We then just apply Ramsey's theorem.  $\square$

### (Brelvi - Soucheston) Theorem 7

Let  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a normalized basic sequence in a Banach space  $X$ , let  $\varepsilon > 0$  and let  $k$  be a positive integer.

Then there is an infinite subsequence  $(y_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that, given any sequence  $(a_i)_{i=1}^k$  of scalars, and any pair of sequences  $m_1 < m_2 < \dots < m_k$  and  $n_1 < n_2 < \dots < n_k$  we have

$$\left\| \sum_{i=1}^k a_i y_{m_i} \right\| \leq (1 + \varepsilon) \left\| \sum_{i=1}^k a_i y_{n_i} \right\|$$

proof Let the basis constant of  $(x_n)$  be  $C$ . If  $n_1 < n_2 < \dots < n_k$  then we have

$$(2C)^{-1} \max |a_i| \leq \left\| \sum_{i=1}^k a_i x_{n_i} \right\| \leq C \max |a_i|$$

as  $|a_i| = \|P_i(x) - P_{i-1}(x)\| \leq 2C \|x\|$

as  $(x_n)$  is normalized



Let  $F_0$  be the set of all norms  $\|\cdot\|$  on  $\mathbb{R}^k$  such that

$$(*) \quad (2C)^{-1} \|x\|_\infty \leq \|x\| \leq K \|x\|_\infty \quad \text{for every } x \in \mathbb{R}^k$$

Let  $K$  be the unit sphere on  $\mathbb{R}^k$  and let  $F$  be the set of restrictions of norms in  $F_0$  to  $K$ .

claim:  $F$  is a totally bounded subset of  $C(K)$  wrt the uniform metric.

$\cdot$   $F$  is a subset of  $C(K)$ , as given  $(z_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset K$  s.t.  $(z_n)$  is convergent in  $\mathbb{R}^k$  then  $(z_n)$  is also convergent in  $\|\cdot\|$  for every  $\|\cdot\|$  in  $F$ , hence  $(\|z_n\|)$  is convergent to  $\|z\|$   
 $\Rightarrow \|\cdot\| : (K, d_K) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  is continuous

$\cdot$  Moreover for any  $\|\cdot\|$  in  $F$ , and any  $x \in K$  we have

$$\|x\| \in \left[ \frac{\|x\|_\infty}{2C}, K \|x\|_\infty \right] \quad \text{by } (*)$$

$\blacksquare$  As  $K$  is totally bounded (compact) take

$(z_i)_{i=1}^n \subset K$  to be an  $\varepsilon$ -net of  $K$ , then note that for any  $z \in K$ , if we take an  $z_i$  s.t.

$$\|z - z_i\|_\infty < \frac{\varepsilon}{K} \quad \text{we have}$$

$$|\|z\| - \|z_i\|| \leq \|z - z_i\| \leq K \|z - z_i\|_\infty < \varepsilon$$

for any  $\|\cdot\|$  in  $F$ .

As  $[0, K]$  is also totally bounded we have that the claim holds  $\square$

Now given a sequence of integers  $n_1 < n_2 < \dots < n_k$ , let  $A$  be the set  $\{n_1, \dots, n_k\}$  and let  $f(A)$  to be the norm  $\|\cdot\|_A$  defined by

$$\|(x_1, \dots, x_k)\|_A = \left\| \sum_{i=1}^k x_i e_{n_i} \right\|$$

By corollary 6 there exists  $Z \in [\mathbb{N}]^\omega$  with  $Z = \{n_1, n_2, \dots\}$  such that for any  $A, B \in [Z]^k$ , the distance  $d(\|\cdot\|_A, \|\cdot\|_B)$  in  $C(K)$  is at most  $\frac{\varepsilon}{K}$

Since there is no loss of generality in assuming  $(x_1, \dots, x_k)$  in the statement of the theorem to belong to the unit sphere

of  $\ell_\infty^k$  and since for any such sequence and any norm  $\|\cdot\|$  in  $F$  we have  $\|(a_1 \dots a_k)\| \leq \epsilon^k$ , ~~then we have that~~  
~~for any  $n_1 < \dots < n_k$ ,  $m_1 < \dots < m_k$  and any  $(a_i)_{i=1}^k$ .~~

~~$\sum_{i=1}^k$~~

then if we enumerate  $(x_{n_1}, x_{n_2}, \dots)$  as  $(y_1, y_2, \dots)$   
~~and~~ consider  $n_1 < \dots < n_k$ ,  $m_1 < \dots < m_k$  and  $(a_i)_{i=1}^k$

$$\left| \left\| \sum_{i=1}^k a_i y_{n_i} \right\| - \left\| \sum_{i=1}^k a_i y_{m_i} \right\| \right| < \epsilon (2C)$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\| \sum_{i=1}^k a_i y_{n_i} \right\| \leq \left\| \sum_{i=1}^k a_i y_{m_i} \right\| + \epsilon (2C)^{-1} \quad \text{as } \|\cdot\| \geq (2C)^{-1}$$

$$\leq (1 + \epsilon) \left\| \sum_{i=1}^k a_i y_{m_i} \right\| \quad \square$$

Using a further diagonalization, Brunel and Sucheston obtained a stronger result

Theorem Let  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a normalized basic sequence.  
 Then there is a subsequence  $(y_1, y_2, \dots)$  of  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  with the following property. Given any positive integer  $k$ , any sequence  $(a_1, \dots, a_k)$  of scalars or any sequence  $A_1, A_2, \dots$  of sets in  $[N]^k$  such that  $\min A_i$  tends to infinity as  $i \rightarrow \infty$ , the sequence  $(c_i = \left\| \sum_{j=1}^k a_j y_{n_{ij}} \right\|)$  converges, where  $A_i = \{n_{i1}, \dots, n_{ik}\}$  with  $n_{i1} < \dots < n_{ik}$

Proof

By the previous theorem we can choose subsequences  $S_i = (x_{i_1}, x_{i_2}, \dots)$  of the sequence  $S_0 = (x_1, x_2, \dots)$  with the following properties. First,  $S_i$  is a subsequence of  $S_{i-1}$  for every  $i \geq 1$  and satisfies the conclusion of the previous theorem with  $k=i$  and  $\epsilon = i^{-1}$ .

$$\begin{array}{cccccccccc}
 \cup \mathbb{N} \cup \mathbb{N} \cup \mathbb{N} \cup \mathbb{N} \cup \mathbb{N} \cup \mathbb{N} \cup \mathbb{N} \cup \mathbb{N} \cup \mathbb{N} \cup \dots & x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & x_4 & x_5 & x_6 & x_7 & x_8 & x_9 \\
 & & \circlearrowleft x_{11} & & x_{12} & x_{13} & & x_{14} & x_{15} & x_{16} \\
 & & x_{21} & & & \circlearrowleft x_{22} & & x_{23} & & x_{24} \\
 & & & & x_{31} & & x_{32} & & & \circlearrowleft x_{33} \\
 & & & & \vdots & & & & & 
 \end{array}$$

Let  $S$  be the diagonal subsequence  $(x_{11}, x_{22}, x_{33}, \dots)$ .  
 Now consider  $A_1, A_2, \dots$  sequence of elements of  $[\mathbb{N}]^k$  such that  $\min A_i \xrightarrow{i \rightarrow \infty} \infty$ .

claim:  $(c_i)_{i \geq 1}$  is a Cauchy sequence.

proof

Fix an  $\epsilon > 0$ . Take a positive integer  $i$  s.t.  
 $\forall p \geq i$  we have  $\min A_p > \max\{k, \frac{\epsilon}{k \max |a_i|}\}$ ,  
 such integer always exists  
 as  $\min A_i$  ~~increases~~ goes to infinity  
 by hypothesis.

Now consider ~~any~~  $l > p \geq i$

$$|c_l - c_p| = \left| \left\| \sum_{j=1}^k a_j x_{n_l p_j} \right\| - \left\| \sum_{j=1}^k a_j x_{n_p p_j} \right\| \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{\epsilon}{k \max |a_i|} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^k a_j x_{n_p p_j} \right\| \leq \epsilon$$

$\Rightarrow$   $(x_{n_{p_j} p_j})_{j=1}^k$  and  $(x_{n_{l_j} l_j})_{j=1}^k$   
 are subsequences of  $S_{\max\{k, \frac{\epsilon}{k \max |a_i|}\}}$

Consider the set  $C_{\infty}$  of sequences of scalars being eventually constantly 0, and let's define a norm on it as follows

$$\|(a_1, \dots, a_k)\| = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} c_i$$

where the sequence  $(c_i)$  is defined as in the previous theorem.

Obs Arguing as in the previous proof we can see that the limit of the  $(c_i)$  do not depend on the choice of the  $A_i$  as long as  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \min A_i = +\infty$ .

Hence the norm is well-defined on  $C_{\infty}$ .

Let  $Z$  be the completion of  $C_{\infty}$  under this limiting norm.

claim: the canonical basis  $(e_n)_n$  of  $C_0$  is a basis of  $Z$

proof we just need to check condition (iii) of theorem 2.

Take  $(a_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of scalars  
 2nd take  $c$  to be the basis constant of  $S$  (of the prev. theorem),  $\forall N < M$   
 Then we have

$$\left\| \sum_{n=1}^N a_n e_n \right\|_Z = \|(a_1 \dots a_N)\|_Z =$$

for some  $\left( \ominus \right) \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^N a_j y_{n_{ij}} \right\|$   
 see  $A_i$  s.t.  $\min A_i \rightarrow +\infty$

now can extend each  $A_i \subseteq A'_i \in [N]^m$  s.t.  $\min A_i = \min A'_i$  and we have

$$\left\| \sum_{j=1}^N a_j y_{n_{ij}} \right\| \leq c \left\| \sum_{j=1}^M a_j y_{n'_{ij}} \right\|$$

~~for some~~  
 $\Rightarrow \left\| \sum_{n=1}^N a_n e_n \right\|_Z = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^N a_j y_{n_{ij}} \right\|$  ah! < exists!

$$\leq \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} c \left\| \sum_{j=1}^M a_j y_{n'_{ij}} \right\| = \left\| \sum_{n=1}^M a_n e_n \right\|_Z \quad \square$$

2 obs  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{limit does not depend on } A_i \\ \text{rate does not depend} \end{array} \right.$

Obs Note that by definition of the limiting norm we have

$$\left\| \sum_{i=1}^k a_i e_{m_i} \right\|_Z \leq \left\| \sum_{i=1}^k a_i e_{n_i} \right\|_Z$$

whenever  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $n_1 < \dots < n_k$  and  $m_1 < \dots < m_k$ .



→ the canonical basis of  $Z$  is said to be 1-spreading.

Moreover note that any space which is finitely represented in  $Z$  (art its basis) it is finitely represented in  $\overline{\text{span}(X_n)}$ .

⇒ when considering questions about finite representability we can often confine ourselves to spaces with a 1-spreading basis.

claim: let  $(y_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  be the (sub) sequence of the previous theorem. Then the canonical basis  $(e_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset Z$  is a spreading model of  $(y_i)$ .

Therefore every basic sequence has a subsequence with a spreading model.

proof

~~Fix  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  the canonical basis  $(e_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset Z$  is a spreading model of  $(y_i)$ .~~

without loss of generality we can restrict ourselves with sequences of scalars having modulus at most 1 (unit sphere of  $C_{00}$ ).  $\|(a_1 \dots a_n)\|_{C_{00}} = 1$

Note that the rate of convergence of the  $C_i$ 's in the previous theorem do not depend on the sequence of scalars, only on  $K$  and  $\min A_i$ .

I.E. IF we fix  $K \in \mathbb{N}$ , then we have that  $\exists N$  s.t. and  $\varepsilon > 0$

$$\left| \left\| \sum_{i=1}^K a_i y_{n_i} \right\|_X - \left\| \sum_{i=1}^K a_i e_i \right\|_Z \right| < \varepsilon = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \sum_{j=1}^K a_j y_{n_j} \right\|$$

For all  $N < n_1 < n_2 < \dots < n_K$  and sequences of scalars  $(a_i)_{i=1}^K$  ~~with  $\| \sum_{i=1}^K a_i e_i \|_Z = 1$~~ .

□

Take  $C_i$ 's before, to be the basis constant of  $S$ , then

~~IF we fix  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $K \in \mathbb{N}$  then we know that  $\exists N$  s.t.~~

$$\left| \left\| \sum_{i=1}^K a_i y_{n_i} \right\|_X - \left\| \sum_{i=1}^K a_i e_i \right\|_Z \right| < \varepsilon$$

$$\left\| \sum_{i=1}^K a_i e_i \right\|_Z \cdot (2C)^{-1} \max |a_i| = (2C)^{-1}$$

⇒ if we take  $\varepsilon' = \varepsilon (2C)^{-1}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}\left\| \sum_{i=1}^k a_i y_i \right\|_X &\leq \left\| \sum_{i=1}^k a_i e_i \right\|_Z + \varepsilon' (2C)^{-1} \\ &\leq (1 + \varepsilon') \left\| \sum_{i=1}^k a_i e_i \right\|_Z\end{aligned}$$

The other direction holds similarly  $\square$