

UNIFORM AND EQUICONTINUOUS SCHAUDER BASES OF SUBSPACES

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1. Introduction. A sequence $\{M_i\}$ of non-trivial subspaces of a linear topological space X is a *basis of subspaces* for X if and only if corresponding to each $x \in X$ there is a unique sequence $\{x_i\}$, $x_i \in M_i$, such that

$$x = \lim_n \sum_1^n x_i.$$

Corresponding to a basis of subspaces $\{M_i\}$ for X is a sequence of orthogonal projections $\{E_i\}$ ($E_i^2 = E_i$ and $E_i E_j = 0$ if $i \neq j$) defined by $E_i(x) = x_i$ if

$$x = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} x_j, \quad x_j \in M_j.$$

If each E_i is continuous, the basis of subspaces is a *Schauder basis of subspaces* (SBOS). A SBOS $\{M_i, E_i\}$ for X is an *e-Schauder basis of subspaces* if and only if O is a point of equicontinuity of the sequence of projections $\{S_n\}$, where

$$S_n(x) = \sum_1^n E_i(s) \quad \text{for each } x \in X.$$

Every SBOS of a barrelled (*tonnelé*) space is an e-SBOS. The class of second-category linear topological spaces is a proper subclass of the class of barrelled spaces. We show, on the other hand, that no Schauder basis of vectors with respect to the weak or weak* topology of a Banach space is an e-Schauder basis. Theorem 1 gives a necessary and sufficient condition for a subset of a linear topological space with an e-SBOS to be totally bounded. It is essentially a generalization of a theorem of Mazur (**1**, p. 237) stated by Banach, without proof, for Banach spaces.

By a *norm-SBOS*, a *w-SBOS*, or a *w*-SBOS* we mean a SBOS for a Banach space relative to its norm topology, its weak topology, or its weak* topology, respectively.

Let X be a Banach space which is also a linear topological space with a topology T , where T is not necessarily the norm topology. A SBOS $\{M_i, E_i\}$ of X is *T-uniform* if and only if

$$x = \lim_n \sum_1^n E_i(x)$$

uniformly for $\|x\| \leq 1$, where the limit is relative to the topology T . Karlin (**2**, Theorem 4) has shown that an infinite-dimensional Banach space does not

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admit a norm-uniform norm-Schauder basis. More generally, we observe that a Banach space does not admit a norm-uniform norm-SBOS. In contrast, we show that every w^* -SBOS for a Banach space is w^* -uniform. On the other hand, the existence of non- w -uniform w -SBOS is a consequence of Theorem 3, which gives a necessary and sufficient condition for a w -SBOS to be w -uniform. For Schauder bases of vectors this condition reduces to the familiar “shrinking” property enjoyed by numerous bases.

Indeed, if X is a space with a Schauder basis $\{x_i, f_i\}$ ($\{f_i\}$ the biorthogonal coefficient functionals) and M_i is the linear span of x_i , $E_i(x) = f_i(x)x_i$, then clearly $\{M_i, E_i\}$ is a SBOS for X . Thus all of the results of this paper are valid for bases of vectors.

2. Total boundedness and e-Schauder bases.

REMARK 1. *No w^* -Schauder basis of vectors for the conjugate of a Banach space is an e-Schauder basis.*

Proof. Let X be a Banach space, X^* its conjugate, and $\{f_i\}$ a w^* -Schauder basis for X^* . Then (6, Theorem 1) there is a sequence $\{x_i\}$ which is a norm basis for X and $f_i(x_j) = \delta_{ij}$. Let

$$x_0 = \sum_1^\infty (1/2^i ||x_i||)x_i.$$

Then $f_i(x_0) = 1/2^i ||x_i||$. Consider the w^* -neighbourhood $U(0; x_0; 1)$. Let $V(0; x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(m)}; \epsilon)$ be an arbitrary w^* -neighbourhood of 0. Let L denote the linear span (in the norm topology) of the elements $x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(m)}$. Since $L \neq X$ there is an $f \in X^*$ such that $f(x) = 0$ for each $x \in L$ and $f \neq 0$. Thus f is the w^* -limit of the series $\sum_1^\infty f(x_i)f_i$ in which not all of the coefficients $f(x_i)$ are zero. Let n_0 be the least positive integer for which $f(x_{n_0}) \neq 0$. Since $f(L) = 0$ it follows that for an arbitrary scalar a , $af \in V$. If $a \neq 0$,

$$|S_{n_0}(af)(x_0)| = \left| \sum_1^{n_0} af(x_i)f_i(x_0) \right| = |a| |f(x_{n_0})| |f_{n_0}(x_0)| \neq 0,$$

and the last expression is greater than 1 for $|a|$ sufficiently large. For such an a , $S_{n_0}(af) \notin U$.

Since the intersection of the null spaces of a finite number of non-trivial linear functionals on a Banach space X contains a non-zero element, an argument similar to the preceding proves the following:

REMARK 2. *An infinite-dimensional Banach space X does not admit an e-Schauder basis of vectors relative to its weak topology.*

REMARK 3. *Every SBOS $\{M_i, E_i\}$ for a barrelled space X is an e-SBOS.*

Since each of the projections

$$S_n(x) = \sum_1^n E_i(x)$$

is continuous and since the sequence $\{S_n\}$ is pointwise bounded, it follows (3, Theorem 12.3, p. 104) that O is a point of equicontinuity of S_n .

LEMMA 1. *If X is a linear topological space with a SBOS $\{M_i, E_i\}$, and if A is a subset of X such that*

- (i) $E_i(A)$ is totally bounded for each i and
- (ii) $\lim_n \sum_1^n E_i(x) = x$ uniformly for $x \in A$,

then A is totally bounded.

Proof. Let U be a neighbourhood of O . Then there is a symmetric neighbourhood V of O such that $V + V \subset U$. Also there exists n_0 such that

$$\sum_{i=n_0+1}^\infty E_i(a) \in V \quad \text{for all } a \in A.$$

Now

$$B \equiv E_1(A) + \dots + E_{n_0}(A)$$

is totally bounded. Thus there exists x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p in X such that

$$B \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^p (x_i + V).$$

Then

$$A \subset B + V \subset \left[\bigcup_{i=1}^p (x_i + V) \right] + V \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^p (x_i + U).$$

Thus A is totally bounded.

THEOREM 1. *If X is a linear topological space with an e-SBOS $\{M_i, E_i\}$, then $A \subset X$ is totally bounded if and only if*

- (i) $E_i(A)$ is totally bounded for each i and
- (ii) $\lim_n \sum_1^n E_i(x) = x$ uniformly for $x \in A$.

Proof. The sufficiency of (i) and (ii) is given by the lemma. It remains to demonstrate their necessity. We assume that A is totally bounded. Then $E_i(A)$ is totally bounded for each i . By hypothesis O is a point of equicontinuity of the sequence

$$S_n(x) = \sum_1^n E_i(x).$$

Let U be a neighbourhood of O . There exists a symmetric neighbourhood V of O such that $V + V + V \subset U$ and, because of the equicontinuity, there is a neighbourhood W of O such that $W \subset V$ and if $x \in W$ then $S_n(x) \in V$ for all n . Also there exists $a_1, \dots, a_p \in A$ such that

$$A \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^p (a_i + W).$$

Because of the convergence of $S_n(a_i)$ to a_i , there is an n_0 such that $n \geq n_0$ implies $S_n(a_i) - a_i \in V$, $i = 1, \dots, p$. Suppose $a \in A$. Then for some i , $a \in a_i + W$. Thus if $n \geq n_0$ we have

$$S_n(a) - a = S_n(a - a_i) + [S_n(a_i) - a_i] + [a_i - a],$$

where the first term on the right is in V because of equicontinuity, the second is in V because of convergence, and the third is in $W \subset V$. Thus

$$S_n(a) - a \in V + V + V \subset U \quad \text{if } n \geq n_0.$$

In a complete linear topological space a closed set is compact if and only if it is totally bounded. This, together with Remark 3 and Theorem 1, yields the following corollary.

COROLLARY 1. *If X is a complete barrelled space with a SBOS $\{M_i, E_i\}$, then a closed set $A \subset X$ is compact if and only if $E_i(A)$ is compact for each i and*

$$\lim_n \sum_1^n E_i(x) = x$$

uniformly for $x \in A$.

3. Uniform bases of subspaces.

REMARK 4. *A Banach space X does not admit a norm-uniform norm-SBOS.*

Proof. It is impossible to have

$$\left\| x - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right\| < \frac{1}{2}$$

whenever

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^\infty x_i, \quad x_i \in M_i, \quad \text{and } \|x\| \leq 1,$$

since this is not satisfied if $\|x\| = 1$ and $x \in M_k$ with $k > n$.

Throughout the remainder of the paper we adopt the following notation: $R(E)$ denotes the range of a projection E of a Banach space X , E^* denotes the adjoint of E , and J denotes the canonical embedding of X into X^{**} .

The following lemma is proved in (4, Theorem 3.1).

LEMMA 2. *If $\{M_i, E_i\}$ is a SBOS for a Banach space X , then $\{R(E_i^*), E_i^*\}$ is a w^* -SBOS for X^* . Conversely, if $\{N_i, P_i\}$ is a w^* -SBOS for X^* , then $\{R(E_i), E_i\}$, where $E_i = J^{-1}P_i^*J$ is a SBOS for X .*

THEOREM 2. *Every w^* -SBOS of the conjugate space of a Banach space is w^* -uniform.*

Proof. Let X be a Banach space and $\{N_i, P_i\}$ a w^* -SBOS of X^* . By Lemma 2, $\{R(E_i), E_i\}$ where $E_i = J^{-1}P_i^*J$ is a norm SBOS for X . It is easily shown that for arbitrary $f \in X^*$ and $x \in X$,

$$\sum_1^\infty [P_i(f)](x) = \sum_1^\infty f(E_i(x)).$$

Given a w^* neighbourhood of O , $U(0; x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(m)}; \epsilon)$ there is an N such that if $n \geq N$, then

$$\left\| \sum_{n+1}^\infty E_i(x^{(j)}) \right\| < \epsilon, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

Thus if $\|f\| \leq 1$ and $n \geq N$,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \left[f - \sum_1^n P_i(f) \right] x^{(j)} \right| &= \left| \sum_{n+1}^\infty [P_i(f)] x^{(j)} \right| \\ &= \left| \sum_{n+1}^\infty f(E_i(x^{(j)})) \right| \leq \|f\| \left\| \sum_{n+1}^\infty E_i(x^{(j)}) \right\| < \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

for $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$. Thus $\{N_i, P_i\}$ is w^* -uniform.

We say that a SBOS $\{M_i, E_i\}$ for a Banach space X is *shrinking* if and only if $\lim_n \|f\|_n = 0$ for each $f \in X^*$, where $\|f\|_n$ is the norm of f on the closed linear span of

$$\bigcup_{i=n+1}^\infty M_i.$$

It is readily seen that a SBOS $\{M_i, E_i\}$ is shrinking if and only if $\{R(E_i^*), E_i^*\}$ is a SBOS for X^* .

THEOREM 3. *A w -SBOS $\{M_i, E_i\}$ for a Banach space X is w -uniform if and only if $\{M_i, E_i\}$ is shrinking.*

Proof. Let $\{M_i, E_i\}$ denote a w -uniform w -SBOS for a Banach space X . Karlin (2, Theorem 1) has shown that a weak basis for a Banach space is a norm basis. Ruckle (5, Theorem I.20) has recently observed that a w -SBOS is a norm-SBOS, which we use below. Let $f \in X^*$ and consider the weak neighbourhood $U(0; f; \epsilon/2)$ where $\epsilon > 0$ is arbitrary. The uniformity of the basis implies the existence of N such that if $n \geq N$ and $\|x\| \leq 1$, then

$$\left| f(x) - f \sum_1^n E_i(x) \right| < \epsilon/2.$$

Thus

$$\left\| f - \sum_{i=1}^n E_i^*(f) \right\| \leq \epsilon$$

if $n \geq N$ and therefore

$$f = \sum_{i=1}^\infty E_i^*(f).$$

The uniqueness of this expression follows from the continuity and orthogonality of $\{E_i^*\}$.

Conversely, suppose that $\{R(E_i^*), E_i^*\}$ is a norm-SBOS of X^* . Then given a weak neighbourhood of O , $U(0; f^{(1)}, \dots, f^{(m)}; \epsilon)$, there is an N such that $n \geq N$ implies

$$\left\| \sum_{n+1}^{\infty} E_i^*(f^{(j)}) \right\| < \epsilon \quad \text{for } j = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

Thus if $\|x\| \leq 1$ and $n \geq N$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \left| f^{(j)}\left(x - \sum_1^n E_i(x)\right) \right| &= \left| \left[\sum_{n+1}^{\infty} E_i^*(f^{(j)}) \right] x \right| \\ &\leq \left\| \sum_{n+1}^{\infty} E_i^*(f^{(j)}) \right\| \|x\| < \epsilon; \end{aligned}$$

so $\{M_i, E_i\}$ is w-uniform.

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