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### Remarks on H-bounded Subsets in Banach Space

The aim of this paper is to give a generalization and simple proofs of some of Dineen's results ([3], [4]) characterizing the subsets of Banach space on which every entire function is bounded.

Let  $E$  be a Banach space over the field  $\mathbf{K}$  (equal  $\mathbf{R}$  or  $\mathbf{C}$ ),  $E'$  be the dual space and let  $B_1(E) = \{x \in E: \|x\| \leq 1\}$ .

We denote by  $P^k(E)$  the Banach space of all continuous homogeneous polynomials from  $E$  into  $\mathbf{K}$  of degree  $k$ . (We set  $P^0(E) = \mathbf{K}$ ).

**Definition 1.** A function  $f: E \rightarrow \mathbf{K}$  is called *entire*, if there exists a sequence  $\{f_n: f_n \in P^n(E), n = 0, 1, \dots\}$  such that the series  $\sum_0^\infty f_n(x)$  is convergent for every  $x \in E$  and

$$f(x) = \sum_0^\infty f_n(x), \quad x \in E.$$

Every entire function is analytic on  $E$  (see [2], Th. 5.2.)

The vector space of all entire functions from  $E$  into  $\mathbf{K}$  is denoted by  $H(E)$ . We define

$$H_k(E) = \{f \in H(E): f = \sum_1^\infty g_n^n \text{ for some } \{g_n\}_1^\infty \subset P^k(E)\}$$

for  $k = 1, 2, \dots$

The set  $H_k(E)$  is completely described by the following

**Proposition 1** (see [4], when  $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{C}$ ). *Let  $\{g_n\}_1^\infty \subset P^k(E)$ . Then*

$$f = \sum_1^\infty g_n^n \in H(E) \Leftrightarrow \forall x \in E: g_n(x) \rightarrow 0.$$

**Proof.** ( $\Rightarrow$ ). Fix an  $x \in E$ . Then, for every  $t \in \mathbf{K}$ , the series  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty t^{kn} g_n^n(x)$  is convergent. Therefore,  $g_n(x) \rightarrow 0$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ). Since  $g_n^n \in P^{kn}(E)$  for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  and since, for every  $x \in E$ , the series  $\sum_1^\infty g_n^n(x)$  is convergent, the function  $f = \sum_1^\infty g_n^n$  is entire.

Now we give two basic definitions.

**Definition 2.** A subset  $X$  of  $E$  is called  $H(E)$ -bounded ( $H_k(E)$ -bounded), if for every  $f \in H(E)$  (for every  $f \in H_k(E)$ )  $\|f\|_X \stackrel{\text{df}}{=} \sup\{|f(x)| : x \in X\} < \infty$ .

It is obvious that every  $H(E)$ -bounded subset (or  $H_1(E)$ -bounded) is bounded and the set  $\bar{X}$  is  $H(E)$ -bounded ( $H_1(E)$ -bounded) too.

**Condition ( $G_k$ ).** We say that  $X \subset E$  satisfies the condition ( $G_k$ ) (we write:  $X \in (G_k)$ ) if for every  $\{g_n\}_1^\infty \subset P^k(E)$ ,  $g_n(x) \rightarrow 0$  for every  $x \in E$  implies  $\|g_n\|_X \rightarrow 0$ .

**Condition ( $G_\infty$ ).**  $X \subset E$  satisfies the condition ( $G_\infty$ ) (we write:  $X \in (G_\infty)$ ) if for every  $\{g_n : g_n \in P^n(E), n = 0, 1, \dots\}$ ,  $|g_n(x)|^{1/n} \rightarrow 0$  for every  $x \in E$  implies  $\|g_n\|_X^{1/n} \rightarrow 0$ .

Condition ( $G_k$ ) is explained by the following theorem (see [7]).

**Theorem 1 (Gelfand).** *Let  $E$  be a Banach space and let  $X = \bar{X} \subset E$  be bounded. If*

(\*) *every bounded sequence in  $E'$  has a weak \* convergent subsequence then*

*$X$  is compact  $\Leftrightarrow X \in (G_1)$ .*

**Remark 1.** Gelfand's theorem is formulated in [7] for Banach spaces over  $\mathbf{R}$  without the assumption (\*), which, however, is used in the proof. Actually, assumption (\*) cannot be omitted.

We obtain the complex case by the natural isomorphism between  $(E_{\mathbf{R}})'$  and  $\text{Re}E' = \{\text{Re}f : f \in E'\}$  ( $E_{\mathbf{R}}$  is the space  $E$  treated as a vector space over  $\mathbf{R}$ ).

Every separable and every reflexive Banach space has the property (\*).

The space  $l_\infty$  does not have the property (\*) (cf. Remark 2).

There is a connection between Definition 2 and conditions ( $G_k$ ) and ( $G_\infty$ ); namely we have (about  $2^\circ$  see [3]).

**Lemma 1.**  $1^\circ X \subset E$  is  $H_k(E)$ -bounded  $\Leftrightarrow X \in (G_k)$ .

$2^\circ X \subset E$  is  $H(E)$ -bounded  $\Leftrightarrow X \in (G_\infty)$ .

**Proof.**  $1^\circ$  ( $\Leftarrow$ ). By Prop. 1.

( $\Rightarrow$ ). Suppose that the set  $X$  does not satisfy condition ( $G_k$ ). Then there exists  $\{f_n\}_0^\infty \subset P^k(E)$  and  $\{x_n\}_0^\infty \subset X$  such that  $f_n(x) \rightarrow 0$  for every  $x \in E$  and  $|f_n(x_n)| \geq 2$  for  $n \geq 0$ .

Put  $n_0 = 1$ . Take an  $n_1$  such that  $|f_s(x_{n_0})| \leq 2^{-1}$  for  $s \geq n_1$  and  $|f_{n_1}^{n_1}(x_{n_1})| \geq 2^{n_1} \geq 2 + |f_{n_0}^{n_0}(x_{n_1})|$ .

By iteration we obtain the sequence of positive integers  $1 = n_0 < n_1 < n_2 < \dots$  such that

$$(1) \quad |f_s(x_{n_{l-1}})| \leq 2^{-1}, \quad s \geq n_l,$$

$$(2) \quad |f_{n_l}^{n_l}(x_{n_l})| \geq 2^l + \left| \sum_{i=1}^{l-1} f_{n_i}^{n_i}(x_{n_l}) \right|.$$

Put  $f = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} f_{n_i}^i$ . Then  $f \in H_k(E)$  and by (1) and (2)

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x_{n_l})| &\geq |f_{n_l}^{n_l}(x_{n_l})| - \left| \sum_{j=0}^{l-1} f_{n_j}^{n_j}(x_{n_l}) \right| - \left| \sum_{j=l+1}^{\infty} f_{n_j}^{n_j}(x_{n_l}) \right| \geq 2^l - \sum_{j=l+1}^{\infty} (2^{-j})^{n_l} \\ &\geq 2^l - \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} 2^{-j} = 2^l - 2. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\|f\|_X = \infty$  and  $1^\circ$  is proved.

Ad  $2^\circ$  ( $\Leftarrow$ ) — obvious.

( $\Rightarrow$ ). If  $X$  does not satisfy  $G_\infty$ , one finds a sequence of integers  $n_0 < n_1 < \dots$ , a sequence of polynomials  $f_{n_k} \in P^{n_k}(E, K)$ ,  $k \geq 0$ , and a sequence of points  $\{x_k\} \subset X$  such that

$$|f_{n_k}(x_k)| \geq 2^{n_k} (k \geq 0) \text{ and } \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} |f_{n_k}(x)|^{\frac{1}{n_k}} = 0 \text{ for } x \in E.$$

Now, analogously as in  $1^\circ$ , one may find a sequence of integers  $1 = k_0 < k_1 < \dots$  such that for  $l = 1, 2, \dots$

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad & |f_{n_s}(x_{k_{l-1}})|^{\frac{1}{n_s}} < 2^{-1}, \quad s \geq k_l \\ (2) \quad & |f_{n_{k_l}}(x_{k_l})| > 2^l + \left| \sum_{j=0}^{l-1} f_{n_{k_j}}(x_{k_l}) \right|. \end{aligned}$$

The function  $f = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} f_{n_{k_i}}$  is entire and it is not bounded on  $X$ .

The following theorem is a slight generalization of a Dineen's result (see [4], Prop. 3).

**Theorem 2.** Let  $E$  satisfy assumption  $(*)$  and let  $X = \bar{X} \subset E$ . Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (i)  $X$  is  $H(E)$ -bounded,
- (ii)  $X$  is  $H_k(E)$ -bounded for every  $k \geq 1$ ,
- (iii)  $X \in (G_k)$  for every  $k \geq 1$ ,
- (iv)  $X \in (G_k)$  for some  $k \geq 1$ ,
- (v)  $X \in (G_1)$ ,
- (vi)  $X \in (G_\infty)$ ,
- (vii)  $X$  is  $H_1(E)$ -bounded,
- (viii)  $X$  is compact.

*Proof.* By Lemma 1 and Theorem 1.

**Remark 2.** In [4] it is proved, that (i)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (vii)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (viii).

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  (viii) does not hold true when assumption  $(*)$  is omitted. For instance, Dineen proved in [3] that in the complex space  $l_\infty$  the set  $X = \{e_n; e_n = (0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots), n = 1, 2, \dots\}$  is  $H(l_\infty)$ -bounded, though it is not compact.

The author does not know the answer to the following question.

**Problem 1.** Does (v)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) remain true for an arbitrary Banach space? It would be of interest to give a reply to Problem 1 even for  $l_\infty$ .

In the study of analytic continuation one meets the following open.

**Problem 2** (see [3], [4], [5]). Does there exist a Banach space  $E$ ,  $\dim E = \infty$ , such that  $B_1(E)$  is  $H(E)$ -bounded?

**Problem 2'.** Does there exist a Banach space  $E$ ,  $\dim E = \infty$ , such that  $B_1(E) \in (G_1)$ ?

Relations between Problems 1, 2 and 2' are given by Theorem 2.

**Remark 3.** Dineen proved in [4] that  $B_1(l_\infty)$  and  $B_1(l'_\infty)$  do not satisfy condition  $(G_1)$ .

**Remark 4.** It follows from Phillips theorem (see [6], p. 14) that  $B_1(c_0) \subset l_\infty$  satisfies condition  $(G_1)$ , i.e.  $B_1(c_0)$  is a  $H_1(l_\infty)$ -bounded subset of  $l_\infty$ .

There is Hirschowitz's conjecture (see [5]) that  $B_1(l_\infty/c_0)$  is  $H(l_\infty/c_0)$ -bounded subset of  $l_\infty/c_0$ .

The negative reply to this conjecture is due to Dineen in [3].

Now we give an immediate simple proof of this fact.

**Proposition 2.**  $B_1(l_\infty/c_0) \notin (G_1)$ .

**Proof.** By a factor space property (see [1], p. 152)

$$(l_\infty/c_0)' \simeq c_0^\perp, \text{ where } c_0^\perp = \{f \in l'_\infty : c_0 \subset f^{-1}(0)\}.$$

Therefore, it is enough to construct the sequence  $\{h_n\}_1^\infty \subset c_0^\perp$  such that  $h_n \rightarrow 0$  in the weak \* topology for  $l'_\infty$  and  $\|h_n\| \rightarrow 0$ .

For every Banach space  $E$

$$E''' = I'(E') \oplus I(E)^\perp$$

where  $I: E \rightarrow E''$  and  $I': E' \rightarrow E'''$  are the natural embeddings (see [6], p. 73).

Putting  $E = c_0$  we obtain

$$(3) \quad l'_\infty = l_1 \oplus c_0^\perp,$$

where  $l_1$  and  $c_0$  are isometrically embedded into  $l'_\infty$  and  $l_\infty$ , respectively.

By Remark 3 there exists a sequence  $\{f_n\}_1^\infty$  in  $l'_\infty$  such that  $f_n \rightarrow 0$  in the weak \* topology, but  $\|f_n\| \rightarrow 0$ . By (3), for every  $n \geq 1$  there exist a  $g_n \in l_1$  and an  $h_n \in c_0^\perp$  such that

$$(4) \quad f_n = g_n + h_n.$$

We shall show that  $h_n \rightarrow 0$  in the weak \* topology in  $l'_\infty$  while  $\|h_n\| \rightarrow 0$ .

Since  $h_n = 0$  on  $c_0$ , we have

$$(5) \quad \|f_n\|_{B_1(c_0)} = \|g_n\|_{B_1(c_0)} = \|g_n\|$$

( $l_1 = c_0'$  is isometrically embedded into  $l'_\infty$ ).

By Remark 4  $g_n \rightarrow 0$  in the norm topology in  $l_\infty$  and, consequently, in the weak \* topology. By (4),  $h_n \rightarrow 0$  in the weak \* topology. Since  $\|f_n\| \leq \|g_n\| + \|h_n\|$  and  $\|g_n\| \rightarrow 0$ , we have  $\|h_n\| \rightarrow 0$ .

Therefore  $\{h_n\}_1^\infty$  has the required properties and the proof is completed.

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