

Since the property (W) is preserved in the passage to the limit, and since the functional $\|x\|$ does not have the property (W) in any ball, we infer that $\|x\|$ is not a limit of polynomials in any ball.

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Some properties of the norm in F -spaces

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We deal in this paper with the properties of the norm in F -spaces¹⁾. In section 2 we give a construction of a norm equivalent to the basic norm and having very desirable properties. In sections 3 and 4 we give the characterizations of the spaces having some peculiar properties.

1. Let X be an F^* -space and let $\|x\|_1$ and $\|x\|_2$ be two norms defined on X .

DEFINITION 1. The norms $\|x\|_1$ and $\|x\|_2$ are said to be *equivalent* (in symbols $\|x\|_1 \sim \|x\|_2$) if for every sequence $(x_n) \subset X$ the condition

$$\lim_n \|x_n\|_1 = 0$$

is equivalent to

$$\lim_n \|x_n\|_2 = 0.$$

DEFINITION 2. The norm $\|x\|$ is called *monotone (strictly monotone), concave, of class C_k , of class C_∞ , or analytic* if for every $x \in X$ the function $f_x(t) = \|tx\|$ is for $t > 0$ monotone (strictly monotone), concave, k times differentiable, infinitely differentiable or analytic respectively. A norm having all these properties except analyticity will be said to *have the property W_1* .

DEFINITION 3. The norm $\|x\|$ is called *unbounded* (= has the property W_2) if the set of values of the functional $\|x\|$ is unbounded for $x \in X$. Let (ϑ_n) be a sequence of positive numbers such that

$$\lim_n \vartheta_n = \infty.$$

DEFINITION 4. The norm $\|x\|$ is said to *have the rate of growth (ϑ_n)* if

$$\limsup_n \vartheta_n \left\| \frac{x}{\vartheta_n} \right\| < \infty \quad \text{for every } x \in X.$$

¹⁾ Concerning the definition and basic properties of the F^* -spaces see [1] and [6].

DEFINITION 5. The norm is said to have the property W_3 if it has a rate of growth.

2. In this section we shall prove the following

THEOREM 1. In every F^* -space with the norm $\|x\|$ there exists an equivalent norm having the property W_1 ²⁾.

LEMMA 1. In every F^* -space there exists a concave norm.

Proof. From the continuity of multiplication by scalars it follows that the functional

$$(1) \quad \|x\|^* = \sup_{t \leq 1} \|tx\|$$

is a monotone norm equivalent to the norm $\|x\|$.

Let us write

$$(2) \quad \|x\|^{**} = \sup_n \sup_{\substack{\alpha_1 \geq 0, \alpha_2 \geq 0, \dots, \alpha_n \geq 0 \\ \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \dots + \alpha_n = n}} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \|\alpha_i x\|^*.$$

The formula (2) defines well the functional $\|x\|^{**}$. Indeed, by the triangle-inequality it follows that $\|kx\|^* \leq k\|x\|^*$ for $k = 1, 2, \dots$, whence by the monotonicity of the norm $\|x\|^*$ it follows for $a \geq 0$ that

$$\|ax\|^* \leq (a+1)\|x\|^*,$$

which implies for $a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n = n$, $a_i \geq 0$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$,

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \|\alpha_i x\|^* \leq 2\|x\|^*.$$

Consequently, by (2) we get

$$(3) \quad \|x\|^* \leq \|x\|^{**} \leq 2\|x\|^*.$$

By (2) the functional $\|x\|^{**}$ satisfies the triangle inequality and by (3) we infer that $\|x\|^{**} = 0$ implies $x = \Theta$ ³⁾. Hence the functional $\|x\|^{**}$ is a norm; from (3) it immediately follows that $\|x\|^* \sim \|x\|^{**}$. It remains to prove that the norm $\|x\|^{**}$ is concave, i. e. that $\lambda \geq 0$, $\mu \geq 0$ implies

$$(4) \quad \|\lambda x\|^{**} + \|\mu x\|^{**} \leq 2 \left\| \frac{\lambda + \mu}{2} x \right\|^{**}.$$

²⁾ Eidelheit and Mazur [2] have proved that in every F -space there exists an equivalent strictly monotone norm.

³⁾ Θ denotes the neutral (zero) element of the space X .

By the definition of the norm $\|x\|^{**}$ we can choose, given any $\varepsilon > 0$, a positive integer n and positive numbers $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$ and $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_n$ so that $\sum \alpha_i = \sum \beta_i = n$ and

$$(5) \quad \|\lambda x\|^* \leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \|\alpha_i x\|^* + \varepsilon, \quad \|\mu x\|^* \leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \|\beta_i x\|^* + \varepsilon.$$

To see this let us observe that if the positive numbers $\bar{\alpha}_1, \bar{\alpha}_2, \dots, \bar{\alpha}_r, \bar{\beta}_1, \bar{\beta}_2, \dots, \bar{\beta}_p$,

$$\sum_{i=1}^r \bar{\alpha}_i = r, \quad \sum_{j=1}^p \bar{\beta}_j = p$$

are chosen so that

$$\|\lambda x\|^{**} \leq \frac{1}{r} \sum_{i=1}^r \|\alpha_i x\|^* + \varepsilon, \quad \|\mu x\|^{**} = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{j=1}^p \|\beta_j x\|^* + \varepsilon,$$

then it is sufficient to set $n = pr$ and $\alpha_{jp+i} = \bar{\alpha}_i$, $\beta_{ir+j} = \bar{\beta}_j$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, p$.

Let us write for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

$$(6) \quad \gamma_i = \frac{2\lambda}{\lambda + \mu} \alpha_i, \quad \gamma_{n+i} = \frac{2\mu}{\lambda + \mu} \beta_i.$$

We have $\gamma_j \geq 0$ for $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$, and

$$\sum_{j=1}^{2n} \gamma_j = 2n,$$

whence

$$\frac{1}{2n} \sum_{j=1}^{2n} \left\| \gamma_j \frac{\lambda + \mu}{2} x \right\|^* \leq \left\| \frac{\lambda + \mu}{2} x \right\|^{**}.$$

On the other hand, by (5) and (6),

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{j=1}^{2n} \left\| \gamma_j \frac{\lambda + \mu}{2} x \right\|^* &= \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^n \|\alpha_i \lambda x\|^* + \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^n \|\beta_i \mu x\|^* \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2} (\|\lambda x\|^{**} + \|\mu x\|^{**}) - \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

This implies inequality (4), q. e. d.

Remark. The above construction of a concave norm is equivalent to the following construction:

Let us consider the functions $f_x(t) = \|tx\|$. Let $f_x^{**}(t)$ be the smallest concave function such that $f_x^{**}(t) \geq f_x(t)$, then $\|y\|^{**} = f_y^{**}(1)$.

Let $C_{(0,1)}^k$ be the space of the functions $x = x(t)$ having the k -th derivative ⁴⁾ continuous in the interval $(0,1)$. The spaces $C_{(0,1)}^k$ are B_0 -spaces with the pseudonorms

$$(7) \quad \|x\|_a^k = \sup_{t \in (a,1)} |x^{(k)}(t)|, \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, k, \quad 0 < a < 1 \quad \left(x^{(i)}(t) = \frac{d^i x(t)}{dt^i} \right).$$

Let (ε_i) be a sequence of positive numbers such that

$$(8) \quad \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \varepsilon_i = 1.$$

Let us set for $p = 1, 2, \dots$, $q = p, p+1, p+2, \dots$,

$$(9) \quad U_{p,q}(x) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon_p \varepsilon_{p+1} \dots \varepsilon_q} \int_{1-\varepsilon_q}^1 \dots \int_{1-\varepsilon_p}^1 x(t \varepsilon_p \dots \varepsilon_q) ds_q \dots ds_p.$$

LEMMA 2. The sequences $\{U_{p,q}\}$ have the following properties:

(α) For every $x \in C_{(0,1)}^k$ there exists

$$\lim_{q \rightarrow \infty} U_{p,q}(x^{(k)}) = U_{p,\infty}(x^{(k)}) \quad \text{for } p = 1, 2, \dots, k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

(β) $U_{p,q}(x) \in C_{(0,1)}^{q-p+1}$ ($q = p, p+1, \dots$).

(γ) The operation $U_{1,\infty}$ is linear and maps the space $C_{(0,1)}$ into the space $C_{(0,1)}^{\infty}$.

Proof. By (8) the infinite product

$$\prod_{i=1}^{\infty} (1 - \varepsilon_i)$$

is convergent and

$$\prod_{i=1}^{\infty} (1 - \varepsilon_i) = \delta < 1.$$

Let $x \in C_{(0,1)}^k$, then by (7), (9) and the inequality

$$\int_a^b f(t) dt \leq (b-a) \sup_{t \in (a,b)} |f(t)|$$

we have

$$(10) \quad \|U_{p,q}(x)\|_a^i \leq \|x\|_{a\delta}^i \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, k.$$

⁴⁾ By 0-times differentiable function we mean the continuous functions. We shall write $C_{(0,1)}$ instead of $C_{(0,1)}^0$.

Let $q_2 > q_1$; then

$$\begin{aligned} & \|U_{p,q_1}(x) - U_{p,q_2}(x)\|_a^i = \|U_{p,q_1}(x - U_{q_1+1,q_2}(x))\|_a^i \leq \|x - U_{q_1+1,q_2}(x)\|_{a\delta}^i \\ & = \sup_{t \in (a\delta,1)} \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{q_1+1} \dots \varepsilon_{q_2}} \int_{1-\varepsilon_{q_1+1}}^1 \dots \int_{1-\varepsilon_{q_2}}^1 |x^{(i)}(t) - x^{(i)}(t \cdot \varepsilon_{q_1+1} \dots \varepsilon_{q_2})| ds_{q_2} \dots ds_{q_1+1}; \end{aligned}$$

if $q_1, q_2 \rightarrow \infty$, then in virtue of the relation

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{j=q_1+1}^{j=q_2} (1 - \varepsilon_j) = 1$$

and the continuity of the function $x^{(i)}(t)$ we infer that

$$|x^{(i)}(t) - x^{(i)}(t \cdot \varepsilon_{q_1+1} \dots \varepsilon_{q_2})| \rightarrow 0$$

uniformly for $t \in (a\delta, 1)$, $1 - \varepsilon_j \leq s_j \leq 1$, $j = q_1+1, \dots, q_2$, whence from the completeness of the space $C_{(0,1)}^k$ we deduce that the sequences $\{U_{p,q}\}$ have the property (α).

We shall prove the property (β) by induction with respect to the difference $r = p - q$. For $r = 0$ the theorem follows from the identity (11) by the theorems on the differentiation of the integral of a continuous function

$$(11) \quad \int_{1-\varepsilon}^1 x(t \cdot s) ds = \frac{1}{t} \int_{(1-\varepsilon)t}^t x(u) du.$$

Suppose that the theorem is true for $r = r_0 - 1$, i. e. that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d^{r_0+1}}{dt^{r_0+1}} \frac{1}{\varepsilon_{p+1} \dots \varepsilon_{p+r_0+1}} \int \dots \int x(t \cdot s_{p+1} \dots s_{p+r_0+1}) ds_{p+1} \dots ds_{p+r_0+1} \\ & = \Phi(t) \in C_{(0,1)}. \end{aligned}$$

Differentiating under the sign of the integral we get

$$\frac{d^{r_0+1}}{dt^{r_0+1}} U_{p,p+r_0+1}(x) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon_p} \int_{1-\varepsilon_p}^1 \Phi(t \cdot s_p) ds_p \in C_{(0,1)}^1,$$

i. e. $U_{p,p+r_0+1} \in C_{(0,1)}^{r_0+2}$, q. e. d.

The property (γ) follows by the identity

$$U_{1,q}(x) = U_{p+1,q}(U_{1,p}(x)),$$

whence by the property (β) it follows that $U_{1,q}(x) \in C_{(0,1)}^{p+1}$ for $q \geq p$.

By the property (α) we get for $p = 1, 2, \dots$, passing to the limit as $q \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\lim_q U_{1,q}(x) = U_{1,\infty}(x) = \lim_q U_{p+1,q}(U_{1,p}(x)) = U_{p+1,\infty}(U_{1,p}(x)) \in C_{(0,1)}^{p+1},$$

whence $U_{1,\infty}(x) \in C_{(0,1)}$.

The linearity of the operation $U_{1,\infty}(x)$ follows in virtue of (10) from the inequality

$$\|U_{1,\infty}(x)\|_a^p = \|U_{p+1,\infty}(U_{1,p}(x))\|_a^p \leq \|U_{1,p}(x)\|_{a\delta}^p$$

and from the fact that the operation $U_{1,p}(x)$ maps linearly the space $C_{(0,1)}$ into the space $C_{(0,1)}^p$, $p = 1, 2, \dots$, which may be proved by induction similarly to the property (β) .

Proof of Theorem 1. Let $\|x\|^{**}$ be a concave (and thus monotone) norm defined in Lemma 1. Let us set $|x| = U_{1,\infty}(\|x\|^{**})$.

By Lemma 2 and the definition of the sequence $\{U_{1,q}\}$ we see that the functional $|x|$ is a convex norm of class C_∞ . It remains to prove that $|x| \sim \|x\|^{**}$. We have for $q = 1, 2, \dots$

$$\inf_{t \in \langle \delta, 1 \rangle} \|tx\|^{**} \leq U_{1,q}(\|x\|^{**}) \leq \sup_{t \in \langle \delta, 1 \rangle} \|tx\|^{**}.$$

Passing to the limit we get

$$\inf_{t \in \langle \delta, 1 \rangle} \|tx\| \leq |x| = \sup_{t \in \langle \delta, 1 \rangle} \|tx\|^{**}.$$

The norm $\|x\|^{**}$ being monotone, we see that

$$\inf_{t \in \langle \delta, 1 \rangle} \|tx\|^{**} \leq \|\delta x\|^{**};$$

on the other hand,

$$\sup_{t \in \langle \delta, 1 \rangle} \|tx\|^{**} = \|x\|^{**}.$$

Finally,

$$\|\delta x\|^{**} \leq |x| \leq \|x\|^{**},$$

which implies $|x| \sim \|x\|^{**}$, q. e. d.

Remark. To obtain a strictly monotone norm it is sufficient to set

$$|x|^* = \int_0^1 |tx| dt.$$

We omit the easy proof based on the computation of

$$\frac{d}{ds} \int_0^1 |tsx| dt.$$

Problem. Does there exist in every F^* -space a norm equivalent to the analytic norm?

3. In this section we characterize these F^* -spaces in which there exists a norm with the property W_2 .

THEOREM 2. The following condition is necessary and sufficient for the existence of an unbounded norm in an F^* -space:

(*) there exists a neighbourhood U such that for no positive integer

$$U^n = \underbrace{U \oplus U \oplus \dots \oplus U}_{n \text{ times}} = X^5).$$

Proof. Necessity. Let us suppose that (*) is not satisfied and $\|x\|$ has the property W_2 . Let U_1, U_2, \dots be a decreasing sequence of neighbourhoods such that

$$\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} U_n = \{\theta\}.$$

We have

$$\sup_{x \in U_i} \|x\| = \infty \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots$$

Indeed, in the contrary case the identity $U_i^{n_i} = X$ would imply for some n_i

$$\prod_{x \in X} \|x\| \leq n_i \sup_{x \in U_i} \|x\| < \infty$$

which is impossible. Therefore there exist for $i = 1, 2, \dots$ elements $x_i \in U_i$ such that $\|x_i\| = 1$; this, however, is impossible, for the sequence of neighbourhoods U_n is chosen so that

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} x_i = 0,$$

q. e. d.

Sufficiency. The construction of the norm proceeds similarly to the proof of Theorem 4 in [5] (see also [3]) the only difference is that the hypothesis $U(t) = E$, $t = 1$, is to be replaced by $U^{(n)} = U^n$.

Remark 1. From the above construction it follows that if there exists a bounded neighbourhood of θ , then there exists a bounded norm, i. e. the following condition is satisfied:

$$(\text{the set } Z \text{ is bounded}) \equiv (\sup_{z \in Z} \|z\| < \infty).$$

⁵⁾ $A \oplus B = E\{x = a + b, \text{ where } a \in A, b \in B\}.$

Remark 2. In the proof of Theorem 2 only the fact that X is a metric connected Abelian group was used; thus Theorem 2 is true for metric connected Abelian groups (in this case the norm is understood as $\varrho(x, 0)$ where $\varrho(x, y)$ is the distance in the group X).

Remark 3. If the space X fulfils the condition $(*)$, then starting in the proof of Theorem 1 from the unbounded norm one can easily show that there exists in X a norm with the properties W_1 and W_2 .

Remark 4. If the space X has not the property $(*)$, then no non-trivial linear functional (i. e. different from the functional $\varphi(x) \equiv 0$) exist in X .

Indeed, if there is a non-trivial linear functional in X , then the norm $\|x\|^* = \|x\| + |\varphi(x)|$ has the property W_2 and obviously $\|x\| \sim \|x\|^*$.

The example of the space L^p of the functions $x = x(t)$ integrable in $\langle 0, 1 \rangle$ with the p -th power (with the norm

$$\|x\| = \int_0^1 |x(t)|^p dt, \quad 0 < p < 1$$

shows that the converse theorem is not true. Indeed, the norm L^p is unbounded, but no non-trivial linear functionals exist in L^p , $0 < p < 1$ (see [4]).

It is easy to show that the space S of all measurable functions in $\langle 0, 1 \rangle$, with the norm

$$\|x\| = \int_0^1 \frac{|x(t)|}{1 + |x(t)|} dt,$$

has not the property $(*)$, whence in S there are neither non-trivial linear functionals nor unbounded equivalent norms.

4. In this section we shall characterize those F -spaces in which there exists an equivalent norm having the property W_3 .

THEOREM 3. *There exists in an F -space X a norm having the property W_3 if and only if there exists a bounded⁶⁾ neighbourhood of Θ ⁷⁾.*

Proof. Sufficiency. Let U be a bounded neighbourhood. Let us write

$$r_n = \sup_{x \in U} \left\| \frac{x}{n} \right\|.$$

⁶⁾ The set Z is called *bounded* if $\prod_{\varepsilon > 0} \sum_{\delta > 0} \prod_{x \in Z} \prod_{\eta \leq \delta} \|\eta x\| \leq \varepsilon$.

⁷⁾ During the print of this paper it was proved that there exists in the space X a bounded neighbourhood if and only if there exists for some $0 < p \leq 1$ an equivalent p -homogeneous norm (i. e. the norm satisfying the condition $\|tx\| = |t|^p \|x\|$).

The boundedness of the set U implies

$$\lim_n r_n = 0.$$

Obviously $r_n > 0$ for $n = 1, 2, \dots$. If $\vartheta_n = 1/r_n$, then the sequence (ϑ_n) is a rate of growth of the norm $\|x\|$. Indeed, let $x \in X$ and let n_0 be the smallest positive integer such that $x/n_0 \in U$ (such integer exists, for $x/n \rightarrow \Theta$ and U is a neighbourhood of Θ). For $n = 1, 2, \dots$ we have

$$\vartheta_n \left\| \frac{x}{n} \right\| \leq n_0 \vartheta_n \left\| \frac{x/n_0}{n} \right\| \leq n_0.$$

Necessity. We prove first the

LEMMA. *The set Z is bounded if and only if*

$$(**) \quad \prod_{\varepsilon > 0} \sum_{\delta > 0} \prod_{x \in Z} \|\delta x\| < \varepsilon.$$

The necessity of the condition $(**)$ is trivial, only the sufficiency must be proved. Let $\|x\|^*$ be a monotone norm equivalent to the norm $\|x\|$. Boundedness being an invariant property under isomorphisms, it is sufficient to show that the set Z is bounded under the norm $\|x\|^*$. Let $\varepsilon > 0$; since $\|x\| \sim \|x\|^*$, there exists an $\varepsilon_1 > 0$ such that $\|x\| < \varepsilon_1$ implies $\|x\|^* < \varepsilon$. By $(**)$ there is a $\delta > 0$ such that $\|\delta x\| < \varepsilon_1$ for $x \in Z$, whence $\|\delta x\|^* < \varepsilon$.

The monotonicity of the norm $\|x\|^*$ implies $\|\eta x\|^* < \varepsilon$ for $\eta < \delta$, whence the set Z is bounded, q. e. d.

Let the sequence (ϑ_n) be a rate of growth for the norm $\|x\|$. Let us set for $k = 1, 2, \dots$

$$Z_k = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} E \left\{ \vartheta_n \left\| \frac{x}{n} \right\| \leq k \right\}.$$

These sets are closed and

$$\bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} Z_k = X,$$

whence by Baire's theorem there is an index k_0 , an $\varepsilon > 0$ and a point x_0 such that $\|x - x_0\| < \varepsilon$ implies $\vartheta_n \|x/n\| \leq k_0$ for $n = 1, 2, \dots$. Thus for every $\|y\| < \varepsilon$ and $n = 1, 2, \dots$

$$\vartheta_n \left\| \frac{y}{n} \right\| \leq \vartheta_n \left\| \frac{x_0 + y}{n} \right\| + \vartheta_n \left\| \frac{x_0}{n} \right\| \leq 2k_0,$$

whence $\|y/n\| \leq 2k_0/\vartheta_n$.

Since

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (2k_0/\vartheta_n) = 0,$$

the neighbourhood

$$U = E\left\{\|y\| < \varepsilon\right\}$$

satisfies the condition (**), i. e. is bounded.

COROLLARY. From the proof of Theorem 3 it follows directly that if in an F -space a norm has the property W_3 , then an equivalent norm has it also.

Remark 1. The above theorem is false in the case of the F^* -space. An example is provided by the space K of all the sequences $x = (\xi_n)$ almost all elements of which vanish, the norm being

$$\|x\| = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^k} \frac{|\xi_k|}{1+|\xi_k|}.$$

It is easily verified that the sequence $\vartheta_n = n$ is a rate of growth for the norm $\|x\|$.

Since K , being a B_0^* -space, is not a B^* -space (see [6]) there are not any bounded neighbourhoods in K .

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Spaces of continuous functions (II)

(On multiplicative linear functionals over some Hausdorff classes)

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S. Mazur [5] has proved that with every bounded sequence $\{x_n\}$ a real number $\text{Lim } x_n$ can be associated in such a way that $\text{Lim } x_n$ is equal to the usual limit of a subsequence of $\{x_n\}$; consequently

$$(1) \quad \underline{\lim} x_n \leq \text{Lim } x_n \leq \overline{\lim} x_n,$$

$$(2) \quad \text{Lim}(ax_n + by_n) = a \text{Lim } x_n + b \text{Lim } y_n,$$

$$(3) \quad \text{Lim}(x_n y_n) = \text{Lim } x_n \cdot \text{Lim } y_n.$$

In this note a construction of generalized limits for some classes of functions is given. This construction is non-effective, just as those of Mazur; it is based on the theorem of Kakutani on the representation of abstract (M) -spaces. It is easily seen that this limit can also be derived from the theorem of Tychonoff, but I think that the way which I have chosen leads to more consequences.

The generalization of the theorem of Mazur to the case of real-valued, bounded functions defined on $\langle 0, 1 \rangle$ is trivial, e. g., we can put

$$\text{Limes}_{t \rightarrow t_0} x(t) = \text{Lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} x(t_n)$$

where Lim denotes an arbitrary limit of Mazur and $t_n \rightarrow t_0$. The functional "Limes" constructed in the Theorems 1, 1a, 1b and 2 satisfies also some additional conditions. It can be considered as a solution of the following problem: given a space of equivalence classes of functions how to assign in a reasonable way the value to every function at every point.

The second part of this paper contains some applications (the existence of certain multiplicative measures and a negative solution of two questions concerning the extension of linear functionals).