

# Banach-Steinhaus theorem\*

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## Abstract

We formalize in Isabelle/HOL a result [2] due to S. Banach and H. Steinhaus [1] known as Banach-Steinhaus theorem or Uniform boundedness principle: a pointwise-bounded family of continuous linear operators from a Banach space to a normed space is uniformly bounded. Our approach is an adaptation to Isabelle/HOL of a proof due to A. Sokal [3].

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## 1 Missing results for the proof of Banach-Steinhaus theorem

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theory Banach-Steinhaus-Missing
imports
  HOL-Analysis.Bounded-Linear-Function
  HOL-Analysis.Line-Segment
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begin
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## 1.1 Results missing for the proof of Banach-Steinhaus theorem

The results proved here are preliminaries for the proof of Banach-Steinhaus theorem using Sokal's approach, but they do not explicitly appear in Sokal's paper [3].

Notation for the norm

```
bundle notation-norm begin
notation norm ( $\|-\|$ )
end
```

```
bundle no-notation-norm begin
no-notation norm ( $\|-\|$ )
end
```

```
unbundle notation-norm
```

Notation for apply bilinear function

```
bundle notation-blinfun-apply begin
notation blinfun-apply (infixr  $*_v$  70)
end
```

```
bundle no-notation-blinfun-apply begin
no-notation blinfun-apply (infixr  $*_v$  70)
end
```

```
unbundle notation-blinfun-apply
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**lemma** *bdd-above-plus*:

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fixes  $f::\langle 'a \Rightarrow \text{real} \rangle$ 
assumes  $\langle \text{bdd-above } (f \text{ ' } S) \rangle$  and  $\langle \text{bdd-above } (g \text{ ' } S) \rangle$ 
shows  $\langle \text{bdd-above } ((\lambda x. f x + g x) \text{ ' } S) \rangle$ 
```

Explanation: If the images of two real-valued functions  $f, g$  are bounded above on a set  $S$ , then the image of their sum is bounded on  $S$ .

*<proof>*

The maximum of two functions

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definition pointwise-max::  $(\langle 'a \Rightarrow 'b::\text{ord} \rangle \Rightarrow (\langle 'a \Rightarrow 'b \rangle \Rightarrow (\langle 'a \Rightarrow 'b \rangle \text{ where$ 
 $\langle \text{pointwise-max } f g = (\lambda x. \max (f x) (g x)) \rangle$ 
```

**lemma** *max-Sup-absorb-left*:

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fixes  $f g::\langle 'a \Rightarrow \text{real} \rangle$ 
assumes  $\langle X \neq \{\} \rangle$  and  $\langle \text{bdd-above } (f \text{ ' } X) \rangle$  and  $\langle \text{bdd-above } (g \text{ ' } X) \rangle$  and  $\langle \text{Sup } (f \text{ ' } X) \geq \text{Sup } (g \text{ ' } X) \rangle$ 
shows  $\langle \text{Sup } ((\text{pointwise-max } f g) \text{ ' } X) = \text{Sup } (f \text{ ' } X) \rangle$ 
```

Explanation: For real-valued functions  $f$  and  $g$ , if the supremum of  $f$  is greater-equal the supremum of  $g$ , then the supremum of  $\max f g$  equals the

supremum of  $f$ . (Under some technical conditions.)

*<proof>*

**lemma** *max-Sup-absorb-right*:

**fixes**  $f g :: 'a \Rightarrow \text{real}$

**assumes**  $\langle X \neq \{\} \rangle$  **and**  $\langle \text{bdd-above } (f \text{ ' } X) \rangle$  **and**  $\langle \text{bdd-above } (g \text{ ' } X) \rangle$  **and**  $\langle \text{Sup } (f \text{ ' } X) \leq \text{Sup } (g \text{ ' } X) \rangle$

**shows**  $\langle \text{Sup } ((\text{pointwise-max } f g) \text{ ' } X) = \text{Sup } (g \text{ ' } X) \rangle$

Explanation: For real-valued functions  $f$  and  $g$  and a nonempty set  $X$ , such that the  $f$  and  $g$  are bounded above on  $X$ , if the supremum of  $f$  on  $X$  is lower-equal the supremum of  $g$  on  $X$ , then the supremum of *pointwise-max*  $f g$  on  $X$  equals the supremum of  $g$ . This is the right analog of *max-Sup-absorb-left*.

*<proof>*

**lemma** *max-Sup*:

**fixes**  $f g :: 'a \Rightarrow \text{real}$

**assumes**  $\langle X \neq \{\} \rangle$  **and**  $\langle \text{bdd-above } (f \text{ ' } X) \rangle$  **and**  $\langle \text{bdd-above } (g \text{ ' } X) \rangle$

**shows**  $\langle \text{Sup } ((\text{pointwise-max } f g) \text{ ' } X) = \max (\text{Sup } (f \text{ ' } X)) (\text{Sup } (g \text{ ' } X)) \rangle$

Explanation: Let  $X$  be a nonempty set. Two supremum over  $X$  of the maximum of two real-value functions is equal to the maximum of their suprema over  $X$ , provided that the functions are bounded above on  $X$ .

*<proof>*

**lemma** *identity-telescopic*:

**fixes**  $x :: \langle - \Rightarrow 'a :: \text{real-normed-vector} \rangle$

**assumes**  $\langle x \longrightarrow l \rangle$

**shows**  $\langle (\lambda N. \text{sum } (\lambda k. x (\text{Suc } k) - x k) \{n..N\}) \longrightarrow l - x n \rangle$

Expression of a limit as a telescopic series. Explanation: If  $x$  converges to  $l$  then the sum  $\sum_{k=n..N} x (\text{Suc } k) - x k$  converges to  $l - x n$  as  $N$  goes to infinity.

*<proof>*

**lemma** *bound-Cauchy-to-lim*:

**assumes**  $\langle y \longrightarrow x \rangle$  **and**  $\langle \bigwedge n. \|y (\text{Suc } n) - y n\| \leq c \hat{\ } n \rangle$  **and**  $\langle y 0 = 0 \rangle$  **and**  $\langle c < 1 \rangle$

**shows**  $\langle \|x - y (\text{Suc } n)\| \leq (c / (1 - c)) * c \hat{\ } n \rangle$

Inequality about a sequence of approximations assuming that the sequence of differences is bounded by a geometric progression. Explanation: Let  $y$  be a sequence converging to  $x$ . If  $y$  satisfies the inequality  $\|y (\text{Suc } n) - y n\| \leq c \hat{\ } n$  for some  $c < 1$  and assuming  $y 0 = (0 :: 'a)$  then the inequality  $\|x - y (\text{Suc } n)\| \leq (c / (1 - c)) * c \hat{\ } n$  holds.

*<proof>*

**lemma** *onorm-open-ball*:

**includes** *notation-norm*

**shows**  $\langle \|f\| = \text{Sup } \{ \|f *_{\nu} x\| \mid x. \|x\| < 1 \} \rangle$

Explanation: Let  $f$  be a bounded linear operator. The operator norm of  $f$  is the supremum of  $\|f *_{\nu} x\|$  for  $x$  such that  $\|x\| < 1$ .

*<proof>*

**lemma** *onorm-r*:

**includes** *notation-norm*

**assumes**  $\langle r > 0 \rangle$

**shows**  $\langle \|f\| = \text{Sup } ((\lambda x. \|f *_{\nu} x\|) \text{ ' (ball } 0 \text{ } r) ) / r \rangle$

Explanation: The norm of  $f$  is  $1 / r$  of the supremum of the norm of  $f *_{\nu} x$  for  $x$  in the ball of radius  $r$  centered at the origin.

*<proof>*

Pointwise convergence

**definition** *pointwise-convergent-to* ::

$\langle ( \text{nat} \Rightarrow ('a \Rightarrow 'b::\text{topological-space}) ) \Rightarrow ('a \Rightarrow 'b) \Rightarrow \text{bool} \rangle$

$\langle ((-)/ -\text{pointwise} \rightarrow (-)) \rangle [60, 60] 60$  **where**

$\langle \text{pointwise-convergent-to } x \text{ } l = (\forall t::'a. (\lambda n. (x \text{ } n) \text{ } t) \longrightarrow l \text{ } t) \rangle$

**lemma** *linear-limit-linear*:

**fixes**  $f :: \langle - \Rightarrow ('a::\text{real-vector} \Rightarrow 'b::\text{real-normed-vector}) \rangle$

**assumes**  $\langle \bigwedge n. \text{linear } (f \text{ } n) \rangle$  **and**  $\langle f -\text{pointwise} \rightarrow F \rangle$

**shows**  $\langle \text{linear } F \rangle$

Explanation: If a family of linear operators converges pointwise, then the limit is also a linear operator.

*<proof>*

**lemma** *non-Cauchy-unbounded*:

**fixes**  $a :: \langle - \Rightarrow \text{real} \rangle$

**assumes**  $\langle \bigwedge n. a \text{ } n \geq 0 \rangle$  **and**  $\langle e > 0 \rangle$

**and**  $\langle \forall M. \exists m. \exists n. m \geq M \wedge n \geq M \wedge m > n \wedge \text{sum } a \text{ } \{ \text{Suc } n..m \} \geq e \rangle$

**shows**  $\langle \lambda n. (\text{sum } a \text{ } \{ 0..n \}) \longrightarrow \infty \rangle$

Explanation: If the sequence of partial sums of nonnegative terms is not Cauchy, then it converges to infinite.

*<proof>*

**lemma** *sum-Cauchy-positive*:

**fixes**  $a :: \langle - \Rightarrow \text{real} \rangle$

**assumes**  $\langle \bigwedge n. a \text{ } n \geq 0 \rangle$  **and**  $\langle \exists K. \forall n. (\text{sum } a \text{ } \{ 0..n \}) \leq K \rangle$

**shows**  $\langle \text{Cauchy } (\lambda n. \text{sum } a \text{ } \{ 0..n \}) \rangle$

Explanation: If a series of nonnegative reals is bounded, then the series is Cauchy.

*<proof>*

**lemma** *convergent-series-Cauchy*:

**fixes**  $a::\langle nat \Rightarrow real \rangle$  **and**  $\varphi::\langle nat \Rightarrow 'a::metric-space \rangle$

**assumes**  $\langle \exists M. \forall n. sum\ a\ \{0..n\} \leq M \rangle$  **and**  $\langle \bigwedge n. dist\ (\varphi\ (Suc\ n))\ (\varphi\ n) \leq a\ n \rangle$

**shows**  $\langle Cauchy\ \varphi \rangle$

Explanation: Let  $a$  be a real-valued sequence and let  $\varphi$  be sequence in a metric space. If the partial sums of  $a$  are uniformly bounded and the distance between consecutive terms of  $\varphi$  are bounded by the sequence  $a$ , then  $\varphi$  is Cauchy.

*<proof>*

**unbundle** *notation-blinfun-apply*

**unbundle** *no-notation-norm*

**end**

## 2 Banach-Steinhaus theorem

**theory** *Banach-Steinhaus*

**imports** *Banach-Steinhaus-Missing*

**begin**

We formalize Banach-Steinhaus theorem as theorem *banach-steinhaus*. This theorem was originally proved in Banach-Steinhaus's paper [1]. For the proof, we follow Sokal's approach [3]. Furthermore, we prove as a corollary a result about pointwise convergent sequences of bounded operators whose domain is a Banach space.

### 2.1 Preliminaries for Sokal's proof of Banach-Steinhaus theorem

**lemma** *linear-plus-norm*:

**includes** *notation-norm*

**assumes**  $\langle linear\ f \rangle$

**shows**  $\langle \|f\ \xi\| \leq max\ \|f\ (x + \xi)\| \|f\ (x - \xi)\| \rangle$

Explanation: For arbitrary  $x$  and a linear operator  $f$ ,  $\|f\ \xi\|$  is upper bounded by the maximum of the norms of the shifts of  $f$  (i.e.,  $f\ (x + \xi)$  and  $f\ (x - \xi)$ ).

*<proof>*

**lemma** *onorm-Sup-on-ball*:

**includes** *notation-norm*

**assumes**  $\langle r > 0 \rangle$

**shows**  $\|f\| \leq \text{Sup} (\lambda x. \|f *_v x\|) \text{ ` } (ball\ x\ r) \text{ ) } / r$

Explanation: Let  $f$  be a bounded operator and let  $x$  be a point. For any  $0 < r$ , the operator norm of  $f$  is bounded above by the supremum of  $f$  applied to the open ball of radius  $r$  around  $x$ , divided by  $r$ .

*<proof>*

**lemma** *onorm-Sup-on-ball'*:

**includes** *notation-norm*

**assumes**  $\langle r > 0 \rangle$  **and**  $\langle \tau < 1 \rangle$

**shows**  $\langle \exists \xi \in ball\ x\ r. \ \tau * r * \|f\| \leq \|f *_v \xi\| \rangle$

In the proof of Banach-Steinhaus theorem, we will use this variation of the lemma *onorm-Sup-on-ball*.

Explanation: Let  $f$  be a bounded operator, let  $x$  be a point and let  $r$  be a positive real number. For any real number  $\tau < 1$ , there is a point  $\xi$  in the open ball of radius  $r$  around  $x$  such that  $\tau * r * \|f\| \leq \|f *_v \xi\|$ .

*<proof>*

## 2.2 Banach-Steinhaus theorem

**theorem** *banach-steinhaus*:

**fixes**  $f::\langle c \Rightarrow ('a::banach \Rightarrow_L 'b::real-normed-vector) \rangle$

**assumes**  $\langle \bigwedge x. \text{bounded} (\text{range} (\lambda n. (f\ n) *_v x)) \rangle$

**shows**  $\langle \text{bounded} (\text{range}\ f) \rangle$

This is Banach-Steinhaus Theorem.

Explanation: If a family of bounded operators on a Banach space is pointwise bounded, then it is uniformly bounded.

*<proof>*

## 2.3 A consequence of Banach-Steinhaus theorem

**corollary** *bounded-linear-limit-bounded-linear*:

**fixes**  $f::\langle nat \Rightarrow ('a::banach \Rightarrow_L 'b::real-normed-vector) \rangle$

**assumes**  $\langle \bigwedge x. \text{convergent} (\lambda n. (f\ n) *_v x) \rangle$

**shows**  $\langle \exists g. (\lambda n. (*_v) (f\ n)) \text{ -pointwise} \rightarrow (*_v) g \rangle$

Explanation: If a sequence of bounded operators on a Banach space converges pointwise, then the limit is also a bounded operator.

*<proof>*

**end**

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