

Real Analysis

Chapter 13. Continuous Linear Operators on Hilbert Between Banach Spaces

13.3. Compactness Lost: Infinite Dimensional Normed Linear Spaces—Proofs of Theorems

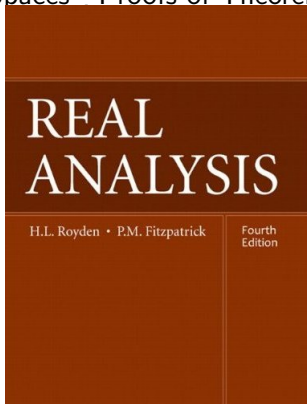


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Proof. Let X be a normed linear space of dimension n and B be its closed unit ball. By Corollary 13.5, X is isomorphic to \mathbb{R}^n , so let $T : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be an isomorphism (so, by the definition of “isomorphism,” T and T^{-1} are continuous).

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