Introduction to Functional Analysis

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Proof (continued). To show that $\|\cdot\|$ is a norm, the Triangle Inequality is established above. Also, $\|\alpha f\| = |\alpha| \|f\|$ is above. Finally, if $\|f\| = 0$ then $\sup\{|f(s)| \mid s \in S\} = 0$ and so $f \equiv 0$. So $\|\cdot\|$ is a norm, and B(S) is a normed linear space under $\|\cdot\|$.