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RODRIGUEZ: All right, so today, we are going to prove the theorem that I mentioned last time, the Hahn-Banach theorem, which is a theorem about being able to extend a bounded linear functional on some subspace of a norm space to all of the norm space. And this will, therefore, answer the question that we posed at the beginning of this topic, whether or not the dual, which is the space of all bounded linear functions on a norm space, is nontrivial for every norm space.

Now, one of the tools we're going to need is this axiom or lemma from set theory, which is due to Zorn, which is as following-- and you're going to have to recall from the last lecture what some of these words mean. So Zorn's Lemma states that if every chain in a nonempty, partially ordered set E has an upper bound, then E has a maximal element. So a partially ordered set E -- that means the set E with a relation that's basically like a less than or equal to that satisfies three properties, so that it's like an extended less than or equal to.

And a chain is a subset of E so that any two elements in that subset can be compared. One is either bigger than or equal to the other. One is always bigger than or equal to the other. And so this theorem says that if every chain of a partially ordered set has an upper bound-- that has a pretty clear meaning-- then E has a maximal element.

So a maximal element of E -- that means an element that is not less than or equal to something other than itself. So anything bigger than or equal to this maximal element has to be that element. A maximal element is not necessarily an upper bound. A maximal element just means it cannot be-- nothing can get over its head.

And so as a warmup, we're going to use Zorn's Lemma to prove a fact about vector spaces. So a Hamel basis-- and I think I went over this at the end of class last time-- of a vector space V , this is a linear independent set, H , such that every element of V is a finite linear combination of the elements from H . So for example, this set consisting of the vector 1, 0, and the vector 0, 1, this is a Hamel basis for $\mathbb{R}^2$. Every element in $\mathbb{R}^2$ can be written as a finite linear combination of these guys.

And the fact that finite-dimensional spaces have bases is something you discuss in linear algebra, but now we're in functional analysis, which is linear algebra in infinite dimensions. It's not so clear that every vector space has a Hamel basis. And so what we're going to do is we're going to apply Zorn's Lemma to prove that every vector space does have a Hamel basis.

So this is the following theorem, and this argument will kind of be a warmup for how we'll apply Zorn to prove the Hahn-Banach theorem. So if V is a vector space, then V has a Hamel basis. So for the proof, I am going to apply Zorn.

So I need to have some ordered set. And my ordered set is going to be let E be the set of all linearly independent subsets of V . And we're going to define an order on E .

So E is the set of all subsets of V that are linearly independent. And we define partial order on E by inclusion. So the elements of E are subsets of V . So we'll say subset is less than or equal to another subset if one is included in the other.

So e and e' in E , then we'll say e is less than or equal to e' if and only if this subset of V e is a subset of e' . And again-- I think I said this in a previous lecture-- I'm kind of used to using this notation for a subset, not necessarily a strict subset, just from teaching 18.100A last semester. So this does not mean a strict subset, so maybe put that in there.

So this is my partially ordered set which I hope to apply the Zorn's Lemma on. And then what I will show is that the maximal element of this set, once I show it exists, in fact has to be a Hamel basis for V . So now we'll apply Zorn towards applying Zorn.

Let C be a chain in E . That means any two elements of C can be compared. Define little c to be equal to union over all e in capital C e .

So each of these little e 's is a subset of V consisting of linearly independent elements. And now what I'm taking little c to be is the union of all these subsets of linearly independent elements. And I claim that this is a linearly independent subset which, since this subset of V contains every element of c , means c is bigger than or equal to all of E .

Thus, c is an upper bound for C . So we just need to show that little c is now linearly independent subset, and therefore, all of these e 's in this capital C are bounded above by c . And therefore, c is an upper bound for capital C .

Now, to show it's a linearly independent subset, we're going to use the fact that capital C is a chain-- that you can always compare two things. So let's show that little c is a linearly independent subset. That's something very specific.

So let v_1 up to v_N be in little c . Then there exists $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_N$ in capital C . So little c is the union of all the e 's. So these have to come from somewhere such that for all j , v_j is in e_j .

Now, it's not difficult to show by induction that since I can compare any two elements in C , I can compare any n elements of C , meaning I can actually order any finitely many elements in C . So to say this is a chain means I can always order two elements, but by induction, it's not difficult to show I can always order n elements of C . So I'm just going to skip to that. And I'll leave it to you, meaning that I can always find a biggest element out of any finite collection of these guys.

So since C is a chain, there exists capital J such that for all j equals 1 up to N , e_j is less than or equal to $e_{\text{capital } J}$, which again, remember, this means that e_j is a subset of $e_{\text{capital } J}$, just by how we've defined this partial order. And therefore, since all of these e_j 's for j from 1 to N are contained in this $e_{\text{sub capital } J}$, that means that v_1 up to v_N are in $E_{\text{capital } J}$.

So I had this finitely many from C . I can always compare any two of them. And therefore, I pick the biggest linearly independent subset out of this finitely many. And all of these vectors have to then come from that linearly independent subset.

And therefore, since this is a linearly independent subset, that means these are linearly independent, since e_j is a linearly independent subset. And so we've shown every finite collection of vectors in C is linearly independent. So we've concluded that C is a collection of linearly independent vectors.

So we've now shown that the hypotheses of Zorn are verified-- that every chain has an upper bound, and therefore, this set E has a maximal element, which I'll call H . So I claim that H now spans the vector space V , meaning every element of V can be written as a finite linear combination of elements of H . So I claim that H spans V . So when I say H spans V , that's just a short way of saying that every element of V can be written as a finite linear combination of elements of H .

So suppose not. Then there exists an element v in V such that v cannot be written as a finite linear combination of elements of H . Now, it's something from linear algebra. I'm sure they went over this before, but if I have a linearly independent subset and an element that can't be written as a finite linear combination of elements from that subset, then just by adding that element, I now obtain a new linearly independent subset.

And therefore, I conclude that the set $H \cup \{v\}$ is linearly independent, a linearly independent subset of V . But then, H will be less than, meaning it is less than or equal to, but not equal to, which implies H is not maximum, which is a contradiction. Remember, H was supposed to be the maximal element of E . Nothing sits above H .

And if we assume that H does not span V , then we can tack onto H something making a bigger linearly independent subset of V . And that results in a contradiction. So thus, that must contradict our initial assumption that H did not span V . And therefore, by definition, it's a Hamel basis.

So we've seen this kind of exercise, first exercise, of using this very powerful weapon, Zorn's Lemma to prove this fact that every vector space has a Hamel basis. And now we're going to use it to prove the Hahn-Banach theorem. So let me state the Hahn-Banach theorem for you, and then we're going to discuss the strategy.

Actually, what I'm going to do is I'm going to state the Hahn-Banach theorem, I'm going to state a lemma, and then I'm going to give you what the plan is for proving the Hahn-Banach theorem. So the Hahn-Banach theorem is if V is a normed space, M is a subspace of V , and u going from M to $\mathbb{C}$ is linear such that-- so it's a bounded linear functional-- for all t in M $|u(t)| \leq \|t\|$ so this is now a complex number. Its absolute value is less than or equal to constant times norm of t , then there exists a continuous extension of u to the entire space and a continuous extension that has the same constant here. So remember, think of this as being the norm of little u .

And so we can extend it to a bounded linear functional with the same norm, essentially. Then there exists a capital U which is a bounded linear functional from V to $\mathbb{C}$, so it's an element of the dual space such that now, for all t in V , $|U(t)| \leq \|t\|$ is less than or equal to the same constant $\|u\|$. And I should have said before, such that capital U , when I restrict to M , gives me little u , and for all T in V , capital U of t is less than or equal to a constant times the norm of t .

So I should have put this here at the start of the theorem, but this is the Hahn-Banach theorem. And this is a very, very useful theorem to have. In fact, in the exercises, you can use this theorem to prove that the dual of little ℓ^∞ is not little ℓ^1 .

So remember from the second assignment and from what I've said in lectures, the dual of ℓ_p is ℓ_q , where $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$, as long as p is bigger than or equal to 1 and less than infinity. And it doesn't work for p equals infinity. So using the Hahn-Banach theorem, you can show why it doesn't work for ℓ_∞ . And that'll be in the assignment.

Now, so I don't have to keep writing all of this over and over again, I'm going to refer to this as U is a continuous extension of u , although that's not quite precise because we are extending u to a continuous-- so a bounded linear operator on V , but we're also extending it so that the capital U satisfies the same bound as u . So this is a little imprecise, but I think you get my meaning.

So this assumption let me denote by $\star$, namely, that we have a subspace and we have a bounded linear functional on the subspace that satisfies this bound. So I'm not going to prove the Hahn-Banach theorem just yet. I'm going to prove a lemma or I'm going to state a lemma and then tell you how we're going to use it to prove the Hahn-Banach theorem.

Actually, we'll state it slightly different. I'm not going to use that. So if V is a normed space, M , a subset of V is a subspace, and u from M to $\mathbb{C}$ is linear such that $|u(t)|$ is less than or equal to a constant times the norm of t , so for all t in M -- I think the difference between capital U and little u is clear enough-- then I can extend it at least in one direction.

So in other words, then so if M is-- and one last assumption-- and I take something that's not in the linear subspace, then I can extend it to the subspace of V consisting of M and also the direction x . So then, there exists u' in the dual-- so I shouldn't use u' . Let's say v -- OK, well, let's use u' -- u' from M' to $\mathbb{C}$, which is linear.

And here, M' is defined to be the subset or the subspace M plus-- so this does not mean quotient space. We were using pluses for quotient spaces. But this is the subspace of V consisting of M plus elements of the form a constant times x . So this is elements of the form $t + ax$, where t is in M , a is in $\mathbb{C}$, such that u' when restricted to M gives me u for all t prime in M' , $|u'(t)|$, absolute value, is less than or equal to the same constant times the norm of t prime.

So maybe I made a mess of that, speaking while I was writing a lemma. But anyways, let's say you have a bounded linear functional on a subspace of V , and you take an element that's not in M . So the way I'll draw the picture is there's M , and here's something x .

Then, I can extend this bounded linear functional which lives on M to now the subspace consisting of all elements of M plus elements plus scalar multiples of x . And I can do this in a continuous way, meaning I get a bounded linear functional on M' , which satisfies the same bound as u did.

So what's the strategy for using this to prove the Hahn-Banach theorem? Just so that we're clear on why we would be interested in such a thing, so we apply Zorn's Lemma to all continuous extensions of u . So now, I'm talking about how we prove Hahn-Banach theorem.

So we define as our partially ordered set would be the set of all continuous extensions of u . And then we would put a partial order on that, where one extension is bigger than or equal to another extension if that extension extends the smaller extension. And using the argument we did for proving the vector space has a Hamel basis, we can then show that Zorn's Lemma applies. And then, we'll have a maximal element of this set of continuous extensions of u .

Now, what we would like to conclude is that this maximal element, this maximal continuous extension, is defined on all of V . And so how would we prove that? Well, we would do it just kind of like we did for the Hamel basis case.

We would suppose not, and then we would show that if it was not defined on the entire normed space, then we can extend that maximal element, again using this lemma, and therefore, contradicting the fact that that extension was a maximal element. So in short, we apply Zorn's Lemma to all continuous extensions of u to get a maximal element, capital U . Two, we use the lemma to show U is this extension, is defined on all of capital V .

So these extensions will come with two pieces of information. One is the subspace, which is bigger than M , and then also, the functional itself. And so we'll use the lemma to show that the subspace that this capital U is defined on is all of V by showing that if it's not, then we can extend it to a slightly bigger subspace using the lemma, which would contradict the fact that this is a maximal element. So that's the plan.

So in fact, since we have this lemma already here, and since I've said it so many times, let's go ahead and just prove the Hahn-Banach theorem assuming this lemma holds. We don't need the proof of this lemma to actually prove the Hahn-Banach theorem. We just need this statement. So that's what we're going to do first, and then we'll go back and prove this lemma.

So this is the proof of the Hahn-Banach theorem. We'll go back and prove the lemma in a second. So let E -- like I said, this will be the set of all continuous extensions of little u .

So v , comma, let's say N such that N is a subspace of V , M is contained in N -- not strictly, but it's a subset of N -- and v is a continuous extension of u to capital N , meaning it satisfies-- its a bounded linear functional on capital N . When you restrict it to capital M , it equals U . And it satisfies the same bound that little u does on the bigger subspace N . And note, this is nonempty because u and M are in this. I'm not saying M has to be a strict subspace of capital N .

And so we'll define a partial order on E by the following definition-- we will say v_1, N_1 is less than or equal to v_2, N_2 if N_1 is contained in N_2 and v_2 , when restricted to N_1 , gives me v_1 . So v_2 is, if you like, a continuous extension of v_1 . Remember, all of these functionals are assumed to be satisfying the same bound as u did, so with the same constant. So it's not difficult to check, just like I didn't check it for inclusion. But it's not hard to check that this is, in fact, a partial order.

So now, we want to apply Zorn's Lemma to get a maximal element of E , which we want to show is, in fact, this u that we say exists. So we have to show every chain in E has an upper bound. So let C , which I'll denote as v_i, N_i for i in some index, be a chain in E . So this is a set of extensions, and we can always compare any two extensions in there.

So let me just repeat or write down again what this means to be a chain. This means, then, for all i_1, i_2 in this index that I'm using just to index these elements of the chain, either v_{i_1} in N_{i_1} is less than or equal to v_{i_2} in N_{i_2} or vice versa. I can't remember if a C goes there or an S , so I'm going to put an S . One is either bigger than-- whenever I have two elements, I can always compare them.

Let N be the union of all these subspaces coming from this collection. Now, again, it's not difficult to show that N is, in fact, a subspace. So I claim N is a subspace, and again, we're going to use the fact that C is a chain to be able to verify this.

Let v_1, v_2 be in N . And let's take two scalars, a_1, a_2 in C . I want to show that $a_1 v_1$ plus $a_2 v_2$ remains in N .

Then there exists i_1, i_2 indices such that v_1 is in N_{i_1} and v_2 is in N_{i_2} . Now, I can always compare any two subspaces that are appearing in this set of ordered pairs forming this chain. So one of these subspaces is bigger than the other.

Then just by flipping 1 and 2, if I need to, and since C is a chain, N_{i_1} is contained in N_{i_2} without loss of generality. So it will either be N_{i_1} will be contained in N_{i_2} or the other way around. And if it's the other way around, just flip the numbers 1 and 2.

So I'm going to assume N_{i_1} is contained in N_{i_2} . Then that means both of these elements are contained in N_{i_2} . v_1, v_2 are both in the bigger one, and since this is a subspace, this means that $a_1 v_1$ plus $a_2 v_2$ is in N_{i_2} , which remember, is a subset of N . And therefore, N is a subspace.

So I now have a subspace which contains all of these subspaces coming from the chain. Now I need to define a linear functional on this subspace N that extends all the v_i 's in a continuous way. And this would give me an upper bound for this chain.

But it's not difficult to guess what that linear functional will be. We define v -- or not, I don't think I use v . Yeah I do. Well, let's not do that.

So I mean, I shouldn't have used v_1 and v_2 when talking about the subspace business. That was poor choice of notation. So let's make that x_1, x_2 . And the chain, blah, blah, blah, x_1, x_2 , and therefore x_1, x_2 is in-- OK. So I just don't want to mix up the elements of the vector space with these functionals, which I'm labeling by v .

So now, we define a function v from N to C by the following-- if t is an element of this union, it has to be an element of one of these N_{i_1} 's. Then I define $v(t)$ to be simply v_{i_1} , which is defined on this linear subspace. And so I take $v(t)$ to be the value of v_{i_1} evaluated at t .

So now, one question is, is this well defined? Because an element t in N_{i_1} could also have been an element of a different N_{i_2} . So is this well defined? So we have to check.

If it's in two of these, does this imply, question mark, $v_{i_1}(t)$ equals $v_{i_2}(t)$? And again, we're going to use the fact that this is a chain to verify this. So suppose t is $N_{i_1} \cap N_{i_2}$.

And again, for any two elements of this chain, we can compare them. So let's assume i_2 corresponds to the bigger index. So v_{i_1} in N_{i_1} is less than or equal to v_{i_2} in N_{i_2} .

Now, this order not only is defined in terms of the subspaces, remember, but in terms of the functionals defined on these subspaces. And it's defined by the fact that this functional is an extension of this functional. And therefore, since v_{i2} is the bigger one, it extends the smaller one.

This implies $v_{i2}(t)$ equals $v_{i1}(t)$. And therefore, v is well defined. And not only that, you can also-- so I wrote this out carefully showing it's well defined, but by a similar argument, you can then show that v is, in fact linear. And let's see, do I do that or do I stop there?

So it's well defined on N . It's also an extension of every single functional defined on each $N_{\text{sub } i}$. So the last thing to check is that it's linear and it's a continuous extension of all these v_i 's, meaning it satisfies the same bound.

But all of the v_i 's satisfy that bound. V is defined in terms of the v_i 's, so we can just read off from here that v will satisfy that same bound. So I will leave it to you that you can check that v is an element of the dual space of this subspace N , so it's a bounded linear functional on N and a continuous extension of all v_i 's.

So for all i , for little i and capital I , we conclude $v_i(N_i)$ is less than or equal to $V(N)$, and therefore, $v(N)$ is an upper bound of C . So we've verified the hypotheses of Zorn's Lemma which I just erased. So that means that set E has a maximal element.

So by Zorn, the set E has the maximal element capital U, N . So I claim N equals V . And therefore, capital U does the job.

Because remember, since capital U, N is an element of E , that means capital U is a continuous extension of little u . And now we just want to conclude that for this maximal element, the subspace on which it's defined is the entire space V .

So suppose not. Let x be an element not in N . By the lemma, there exists a continuous extension of capital U to the subspace N plus the span of x .

And this is a continuous extension of capital U , which is a continuous extension of little u . And therefore, it's a continuous extension of little u . so continuous extension, let's call this something. Let's call it little v -- $v(N \text{ plus } x)$.

So if the subspace that capital U is defined on is not all of V , then by the lemma, we can extend capital U continuously to N plus the span of x . And therefore, this element will be a continuous extension of little u . And therefore, it's an element of E .

But then, U, N is smaller than $v(N \text{ plus the span of } x)$. This is a bigger subspace than this because x is not in N , which implies U, N is not a maximal element. And that's a contradiction.

And what did we contradict? Or what was the assumption that led us astray is the fact that we assumed that this maximal element is not defined on all of the entire normed space. Thus, U is defined on the entire normed space and it's a continuous of little u . And that's the proof of Hahn-Banach.

So I hope that the proof was clear. If you followed the Hamel basis argument, this should be reasonable to expect, too. This argument is almost the same as the Hamel basis argument, except now, instead of the Hamel basis where the elements of our partially ordered set are just subsets, we also have two pieces of data for our partially ordered set here, one being the subspace and the second being the functional that's defined on that subspace, that extends the original continuous linear functional that we wanted to extend.

So let's prove the lemma, and that will conclude the proof of the Hahn-Banach theorem. So now, we're going to prove a lemma. So that lemma up there, if V is a normed space and you take something that's not in the subspace, then you can extend U continuously to this bigger subspace.

So first off, even though I keep saying that this is a subspace, this is kind of something that needs to be-- I mean it's not difficult to check, but still check. But also, one thing we need is that every element in a subspace plus this constant times x can be written uniquely. So we first note if t prime is in M prime, which remember is M plus a constant times x , then there exists unique t and M and a in complex numbers such that t prime equals t plus a times x .

So why is that? Why can an element of this space not have two different representations, not be written as two different elements of M plus two different scalar times x ? Well, if t plus ax equals t tilde plus a tilde x , then this implies that a minus a tilde times x is equal to t tilde minus t , which is in M . M is a subspace.

So the difference of two elements of M is in M , and therefore, if a does not equal a tilde, then that means x is equal to a constant multiple of something in M . And therefore, x is in M . So we conclude that a must equal a tilde, which implies from assuming they're equal that t equals t tilde. So every element in this larger subspace can be written uniquely as an element of M plus a scalar multiple of x .

Now, why do we need this fact? We need this fact to be able to say that this linear functional that we're going to define, that we hope to say extends u continuously, is in fact well defined. So thus, upon choosing a number λ in the complex numbers, the map u prime of t plus ax given by u of t plus λa is well defined on M prime because we've shown every element of M prime can be written uniquely in this way. It's well defined on M prime and u prime going from M prime to $\mathbb{C}$ is linear.

So if the original functional little u -- if that constant C is equal to 0, then little u is just identically 0. And we know how to extend the zero functional. So let's suppose capital C is nonzero.

And if I divide little u by capital C , I can then extend that functional with the capital C equals 1 and obtain an extension satisfying the bound I want. And so what I'm saying kind of poorly is that-- I'll leave you a second to think about it. It's not difficult to understand why, without loss of generality, we can assume C equals 1.

So if we do the C equals 1 case, then for the case C not equal to 1, we extend u over capital C using the C equals 1 case. And then the result follows. So we'll just do the case capital C equals 1.

So now, our one free parameter is λ . And this is for-- and we want to be able to choose λ so that-- so this is already an extension of little u if I take a equals 0. So I'm just taking elements in M .

This is u prime of t is equal to u of t . So it's already an extension of little u to this bigger subspace. And now we want to be able to choose λ so that it extends it in a continuous way with the same constant being 1 and that inequality up there. So I keep pointing up there. I don't think the camera's looking up there, so you have to hopefully interpret my meaning correctly.

So we want to choose λ , complex number, such that the following holds-- for all t in M , a in $\mathbb{C}$, u prime of t plus ax , which is just u of t plus λa in absolute value is less than or equal to the norm of t plus λa . If we're able to do that, then u prime is then our continuous extension that we're looking for.

So all that we need to do now is find a λ so that this holds. And once we've done that, we've finished the proof. Now, that thing I boxed in a minute ago, we're going to reduce it to a simplest form.

Now, what's in the box holds regardless what λ is when a is equal to 0. And now what I'm going to do is basically remove the fact that a can change. So the estimate u of t plus a λ less than or equal to t plus a λ holds when a equals 0 regardless of how we've chosen λ . So we just need to be able to choose λ so that this holds for a nonzero. Consider trying to choose λ so that this holds for all a nonzero.

Now, let me take this inequality here and divide it by the absolute value of a . Then that inequality for a not equal to 0, this is equivalent to if I divide by the norm of a and bring this inside the norm, u of t minus a λ is less than or equal to-- I should say this is an absolute value and that's the absolute value-- less than or equal to t over minus a minus λ for all t in M . Now, if t is in M , t over minus a is also in M .

So this bound here is equivalent to showing that we can choose λ so that u of t minus λ is less than or equal to the norm of t minus λ for all t in M . So since t is a subspace proving this bound, or choosing λ so that this bound holds, is equivalent to choosing λ so that this bound holds. So in sum or in summary-- I should say in sum. I'm thinking in terms of notation.

So in summary, the thing that we wanted to show originally, that we can choose λ so that for all t in M a complex number, that inequality holds, is equivalent to showing that we can choose λ so that this inequality holds. That's the point. And now, what we're going to do is we're going to choose the real and imaginary parts of λ .

And we'll choose the real part of λ first. So we first prove-- piece of chalk is weird. I've got to get a different one. So we first prove that there exists an α in $\mathbb{R}$ such that w of t minus α in absolute value is less than or equal to t minus α for all t in M .

And what is w of t ? This is equal to the real part of u of t . Which let me remind you, this is just equal to u of t plus u of t complex conjugate over 2.

Now, the real part of any complex number is always less than or equal to the absolute value of that complex number. So we haven't chosen what α is yet. I'll show you how to choose α in just a minute.

Note that for all t in M w of t , an absolute value, which remember is defined to be the real part of u of t -- this is less than or equal to the absolute value of u of t . I should say the modulus of u of t . The modulus of a complex number is the square root of the sum of the real part squared and the imaginary part squared. So that's always less than or equal to that. And by assumption, this is less than or equal to the norm of t .

Now, we're going to use the fact that w is real valued. Then w of t_1 minus w of t_2 -- so let me say for all t_1, t_2 in M -- if I look at w of t_1 minus w of t_2 , this is equal to-- and since u is linear and taking the real part is linear, this is equal to w of t_1 minus w of t_2 . This is less than or equal to its absolute value. This is where I'm using the fact that it's real value. And as we've just shown that this is always less than or equal to the absolute value, we have that.

And now, I'm going to do one more thing and add and subtract x . So in the end, we want-- whoa, whoa, whoa. This should have been x . It should have been x . Sorry, sorry, sorry. I hope you fast forwarded to this point and saw that this should have been x and x .

So in the end, we want to somehow connect this to-- and I did it again here-- x , to the norm of t minus x . So what I'm going to do is add and subtract x and use the triangle inequality. And this is less than or equal to t_1 minus x plus t_2 minus x .

And therefore, w of t_1 minus the norm of t_1 minus x is less than or equal to w of t_2 plus norm of t minus t_2 minus x for all t_1 and t_2 in M . So this holds for all t_1 and t_2 . So I could fix t_2 and take the sup over all t_1 's, which implies that sup of-- so let's not make that a t_1 , I could just say t -- is always less than or equal to w of t_2 plus t_2 minus x . And this holds for all t_2 in M .

So the fact that this holds for all t_1 tells you this thing is an upper bound of this for all t in M . And therefore, its supremum is less than or equal to this thing for all t_2 in M . And therefore, this quantity on the left is a lower bound for this thing on the right for all t_2 in M . And therefore, we can conclude that the sup of t in M of w of t minus norm of t minus x is less than or equal to the inf over all t in M w of t plus t minus x .

How do I choose α ? So I have these two numbers here which are related in this way. I choose α between these two numbers-- between this number and this number.

So there's a less than or equal to sign, so I can pick some number in between them. Maybe these two things are equal, and therefore, α is equal to both of them. Or I could just choose α to be this one. It doesn't matter.

And the proof is just about completed. Now, I'm going to show that this α works. So then for all t in capital M , I have w of t minus norm of t minus x is less than or equal to α is less than or equal to w of t plus norm of t minus x . And therefore, it's less than or equal to α minus w of t is less than or equal to norm of t minus x , which is the same as α minus w of t , I should say.

All right, so we showed how to do it for-- we were able to choose an α so that essentially, this inequality holds for the real part. We can do that also for the imaginary part.