
Compact operators and approximation spaces

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The theory of approximation spaces is a useful and flexible tool which allows to study not only problems in function spaces, but also in spaces of operators and sequence spaces. Given a quasi-Banach space X and scalar parameters $0 < \alpha < \infty$, $0 < p, q \leq \infty$, $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$, the classical theory deals with spaces X_p^α , and the limiting theory with $X_q^{(0,\gamma)}$. Outstanding examples of spaces X_p^α are Besov spaces $B_{p,q}^s$, Lorentz sequence spaces $\ell_{p,q}$, and the spaces of operators $\mathfrak{L}_{p,q}^{(a)}(E, F)$ consisting of all bounded linear operators between the Banach spaces E, F whose approximation numbers belong to $\ell_{p,q}$ (see [5]). Examples of $X_q^{(0,\gamma)}$ spaces are Besov spaces $B_{p,q}^{0,\gamma}$ with smoothness close to zero, and the Lorentz-Zygmund operator spaces $\mathfrak{L}_{\infty,q,\gamma}^{(a)}(E, F)$ (see [2–4]). In this talk, we investigate compact operators between approximation spaces, paying special attention to the limit case. Applications are given to embeddings between Besov spaces.

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