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as a parametric solution of (10). Hence from (9), taking the plus sign before  $\alpha$ ,

$$a_1 = 7m^2 + 13mn - 30n^2.$$

Then from (8),  $a_2 = 13m^2 - 22mn - 26n^2$ . Finally from (5),

$$a_3 = -8m^2 + 39mn - 16n^2, \quad b_3 = -13m^2 + 24mn - 26n^2.$$

The negative sign before  $\alpha$  only interchanges  $a_1$  and  $a_3$  with sign changed. If we denote the quadratic form  $am^2 + bmn + cn^2$  by the notation  $[a, b, c]$ , we write the solution of the system (3) as

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= [7, 13, -30], & a_2 &= [13, -22, -26], & a_3 &= [-8, 39, -16] \\ b_1 &= [-7, 13, -16], & b_2 &= [8, -13, -30], & b_3 &= [-13, 24, -26]. \end{aligned}$$

By Theorem 3, the system (2) has then the following parametric solution:

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 &= [-7, 62, -30], & A_2 &= [7, 38, -50], & A_3 &= [5, -8, -22], \\ A_4 &= [19, -32, -42], & A_5 &= [-19, 36, -62], & B_1 &= [-9, 66, -42], \\ B_2 &= [5, 42, -62], & B_3 &= [-21, 38, -22], & B_4 &= [9, -14, -50], \\ & & B_5 &= [21, -36, -30]. \end{aligned}$$

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#### PROJECTING $m$ ONTO $c_0$

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It is a well-known result, due to Phillips, that the Banach space  $m$ , of bounded sequences with the sup norm, cannot be projected continuously onto the subspace  $c_0$  of sequences converging to zero [1, page 33, Corollary 4]. A typical use of this fact is found in [2]. We give a simple proof using an idea inherent in [4] and, as was pointed out by the referee, in [3]. Our method may also be used to simplify the proof of the result in [4].

**LEMMA** [5, page 77]. *Let  $I$  be a countable set. Then there is a family  $\{U_a: a \text{ in } A\}$  of subsets of  $I$  such that (1)  $U_a$  is infinite, (2)  $U_a \cap U_b$  is finite for  $a \neq b$  and (3) the index set  $A$  is uncountable.*

*Proof.* Arthur Kruse has given the following elegant proof: Take  $I$  to be the rationals in  $(0, 1)$ ,  $A$  the irrationals in  $(0, 1)$  and, for  $a$  in  $A$ , let  $U_a$  be a sequence of rationals in  $(0, 1)$  converging to  $a$ .

Recall that a subset of the conjugate space  $X^*$  of a Banach space  $X$  is total if the only vector annihilated by all members of the subset is the zero vector.

For brevity we say that a Banach space  $X$  has (property)  $B$  if  $X^*$  contains a countable total subset. It is easy to see that  $B$  is preserved under isomorphism, that a subspace of a space with  $B$  has  $B$  and that the space  $m$  has  $B$ .

**THEOREM.** *There is no continuous projection of  $m$  onto  $c_0$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that there is a continuous projection of  $m$  onto  $c_0$ . Then  $m = c_0 \oplus R$ , where  $R$  is a closed subspace of  $m$ . Since  $m/c_0$  is isomorphic to  $R$  we see that  $m/c_0$  has  $B$ . The proof consists of showing that  $m/c_0$  does not have  $B$ .

We think of  $m$  as  $B(I)$ , the bounded functions on a countable set  $I$ . Let  $\{U_a: a \text{ in } A\}$  be a family of subsets of  $I$  as in the lemma and let  $f_a$  be the coset in  $m/c_0$  which contains the characteristic function of the set  $U_a$ .

Let  $g$  be in  $(m/c_0)^*$ . We will show that the set  $\{f_a: g(f_a) \neq 0\}$  is countable; it suffices to show that the set  $C(n) = \{f_a: |g(f_a)| \geq 1/n\}$  is countable for each natural number  $n$ . Choose  $f_1, \dots, f_m$  in  $C(n)$  and let  $b_i = \text{sgn}(g(f_i)) = \overline{g(f_i)} / |g(f_i)|$ . The vector  $x = \sum b_i f_i$  is of norm one (note that as a coset  $x$  contains vectors whose norm may be greater than one), and so  $\|g\| \geq |g(x)| \geq m/n$ ; thus  $C(n)$  is finite for each  $n$ .

We conclude by noting that if  $\{h_i\}$  is a countable subset of  $(m/c_0)^*$  then our argument shows that there are only countably many  $f_a$  with  $h_i(f_a)$  nonzero for some  $i$ . Hence we can find a vector  $f_a$  which is mapped into zero by all the  $h_i$ , and so the set  $\{h_i\}$  is not total.

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#### INTERIORITY AND THE TONELLI CONDITIONS

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In 1937, S. Stoilow proved that if  $f$  is a complex-valued function of a complex variable which has the properties: (i) point inverses are totally disconnected, and (ii)  $f$  maps interior points of its domain of definition into interior points of the image, then  $f$  is topologically equivalent to an analytic function. This result stimulated interest in light interior functions (i.e. functions satisfying (i) and (ii)) and in establishing conditions which insure that a function satisfying these conditions will be light and interior. Titus and Young proved that if  $f \in C'$  and