

The Bloch space on the unit ball of \mathbb{C}^n

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SOME RESULTS ON THE BLOCH SPACE OVER THE UNIT BALL OF A HILBERT SPACE

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Adding up $|f(0)|$ to each of the quantities above to avoid constant functions to have norm 0, we get Banach spaces. It was shown by Timoney that such are equivalent norms in the space $\mathcal{B}(B_n)$.

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