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"On duality, distance and compact operators in spaces with supremum-type norms"

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## Resumen:

We consider a general framework of Banach spaces M defined by a boundedness condition. Prototype examples are  $I^{\infty}$ , weighted spaces of functions or their derivatives, BMO, Lipschitz spaces, and many others. Each space M has a small space counterpart  $M_0$ , consisting of elements of M where the quantity of the boundedness condition "vanishes at infinity". In the above examples, the corresponding  $M_0$ -spaces are  $c_0$ , vanishing weighted spaces, the space VMO, small Lipschitz spaces, etc.

We will show that the bidual of  $M_0$  is always M, as expected. Furthermore, letting T be a continuous operator  $T:M_0 \to Z$ , Z any Banach space, it turns out that if T is weakly compact, it is already very close to being compact. This is remarkable since weak compactness is in general a very weak property. The phenomenon has been observed previously for classes of concrete operators such as composition operators and integration operators acting on spaces of analytic functions with supremum-type norms, where it often happens that weak compactness and compactness coincide.