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*Hahn-Banach extension of bilinear forms*

A pair  $(X, Y)$  of Banach spaces has the bilinear extension property if, given any Banach spaces  $\tilde{X}$  and  $\tilde{Y}$  containing  $X$  resp.  $Y$  as a subspace, every (bounded) bilinear form on  $X \times Y$  is the restriction of some bilinear form on  $\tilde{X} \times \tilde{Y}$ . We will show that if  $(X, Y)$  has this property, then  $X^*$  and  $Y^*$  verify Grothendieck's Theorem (every operator from that space into a Hilbert space is absolutely summing), and we will discuss additional conditions which imply that the converse is also true.