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Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces. Let  $P(^nX : Y)$  be the space of all  $Y$ -valued continuous  $n$ -homogeneous polynomials on  $X$ . We show that the set of all the norm-attaining elements is dense in  $P(^nX : Y)$  when a set of u.s.e. points of the unit ball  $B_X$  is dense in the unit sphere  $S_X$ . Applying strong peak points instead of u.s.e. points, we generalize this result to a closed subspace of  $C_b(M, Y)$ , where  $M$  is a complete metric space. For complex Banach spaces  $X$  and  $Y$ , Let  $A_b(B_X : Y)$  be the Banach space of all bounded continuous  $Y$ -valued mappings  $f$  on  $B_X$  whose restrictions  $f|_{B_X^\circ}$  to the open unit ball are holomorphic. It follows that the set of all the norm-attaining elements is dense in  $A_b(B_X : Y)$  if the set of all strong peak points in  $A_b(B_X)$  is a norming subset for  $A_b(B_X)$ . (Received January 14, 2010)