

FUNCTIONAL ANALYSIS, PROBLEM SET - I

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1. NORMED LINEAR SPACES

Problem 1.1. Let X be a normed linear space, $a \in X$ and k a non-zero scalar. Prove that the mappings $x \rightarrow x+a$ and $x \rightarrow kx$ are homeomorphisms of X onto itself

Solution For $a \in X$ and $k(0 \neq) \in K$, let $T_a(x) = x + a$, $x \in X$, and $M_k(x) = kx$, $x \in X$.

Then, $\|T_a(x) - T_a(y)\| = \|x - y\|$

and $\|M_k(x) - M_k(y)\| = |k| \|x - y\|$.

These show that T_a and M_k are uniformly continuous.

Again, $T_{-a}T_a(x) = T_{-a}(x + a) = (x + a) - a = x$,

and $M_{\frac{1}{k}}M_k(x) = M_{\frac{1}{k}}(kx) = x$.

These imply that T_a and M_k have inverses, namely, $T_a^{-1} = T_{-a}$,

and $M_k^{-1} = M_{\frac{1}{k}}$.

These inverses are also of the same type. So they also are uniformly continuous. Hence the result.

Problem 1.2. Let Y be a hyperspace in a normed linear space X , prove that the following are equivalent:

- (1) Y is nowhere dense in X .
- (2) Y is not dense in X .
- (3) Y is closed.

Proof. (a) \implies (b). As Y is nowhere dense in X , then $(\bar{Y})^o$ is empty. Therefore \bar{Y} cannot be equal to X . Hence the proof.

(b) \implies (c). Since $Y \subset \bar{Y} \subset X$ and \bar{Y} is a subspace then $\bar{Y} = Y$ as Y is maximal proper subspace of X and hence Y is closed.

(c) \implies (a) Let if possible $(\bar{Y})^o \neq \phi$. Suppose $a \in (\bar{Y})^o$. Then there exist $r > 0$ such that

$B(a, r) = \{x \in X : \|x - a\| < r\} \subset \bar{Y}$.

Let x be any element of X . If $x \neq 0$, let $y = a + \frac{r}{2\|x\|}x$. Then $y \in B(a, r) \subset \bar{Y}$.

Since \bar{Y} is a subspace we have $x = 2\frac{\|x\|}{r}(y - a) \in \bar{Y}$. This is true even if $x = 0$. So $\bar{Y} = X$. Thus $\bar{Y} \neq Y$ since $Y \neq X$. Which is a contradiction. Hence the proof. \square

Problem 1.3. Show that a normed space X is homeomorphic to the open ball $B(0, r) = \{x \in X : \|x\| < r\}, r > 0$.

Hint Consider $f : X \rightarrow B(0, r)$ defined by $f(x) = \frac{rx}{1+\|x\|}$. For $y \in X$ with $\|y\| < r$ consider $g(y) = \frac{y}{r-\|y\|}$. Show that $f^{-1} = g$ and f is a homeomorphism.

Problem 1.4. Let E_1 and E_2 be subsets of a normed space X , and $E_1 + E_2 = \{x + y : x \in E_1, y \in E_2\}$. Prove the following:

- (1) If E_1 or E_2 is open then $E_1 + E_2$ is open.
- (2) If E_1 and E_2 are compact then $E_1 + E_2$ is compact.
- (3) If E_1 is compact and E_2 is closed then $E_1 + E_2$ is closed.
- (4) $E_1 + E_2$ need not be closed even though E_1 and E_2 are closed.

Problem 1.5. Let $0 < p < 1$ and $\|x\|_p = (\sum_{j=1}^n |x(j)|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}}, x \in \mathbb{K}^n$. Show that $\|\cdot\|_p$ is not a norm on \mathbb{K}^n if $n \geq 2$.

Solution The triangle inequality is not satisfied if $n \geq 2$. For example, let $x = (1, 0, 0, \dots, 0), y = (0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$.

Then $\|x\|_p = 1 = \|y\|_p$ and $\|x + y\|_p = 2^{\frac{1}{p}}$.

Hence $\|x\|_p + \|y\|_p = 2 < 2^{\frac{1}{p}} = \|x + y\|_p$, since $\frac{1}{p} > 1$.

Problem 1.6. Let X be the linear space of all polynomials in one variable t with scalar coefficients. For $p \in X$ with $p(t) = a_0 + a_1t + \dots + a_nt^n$, define $\|p\| = \sup\{|p(t)| : 0 \leq t \leq 1\}$, $\|p\|_1 = |a_0| + |a_1| + \dots + |a_n|$. Prove that $\|\cdot\|$ and $\|\cdot\|_1$ are norms on X , and $\|p\| \leq \|p\|_1$ for every $p \in X$. Also prove that there is no constant c such that $\|p\|_1 \leq c\|p\|$ for all $p \in X$.

Solution First part of the problem is simple. For the last part of the problem, let $p(t) = 1 - t + t^2 - \dots - t^{2n-1}$.

Now for $0 \leq t \leq 1$, we have

$$p(t) = (1 - t) + t^2(1 - t) + \dots + t^{2n-2}(1 - t) \geq 0,$$

$$p(t) = 1 - t(1 - t) - \dots - t^{2n-3}(1 - t) - t^{2n-1} \leq 1.$$

Since $p(0) = 1$, we have $\|p\| = 1$. Since $\|p\|_1 = 1 + 1 + \dots + 1 = 2n$ we have $\|p\|_1 > c\|p\|$ if $2n > c$. Thus for any 'c' we can choose a polynomial $p(t)$ with $\|p\|_1 > c\|p\|$. Hence the proof.

Problem 1.7. A nonempty set E of a linear space X is said to be balanced if $kx \in E$ whenever $x \in E$ and $k \in \mathbb{K}$ with $|k| \leq 1$. It is said to be absorbing if for every $x \in X$ there exists $r > 0$ with $r^{-1}x \in E$. Suppose that E is convex, balanced and absorbing, and also that no nonzero subspace of X is contained in E . For $x \in X$, let $\|x\| = \inf\{r > 0 : r^{-1}x \in E\}$.

Prove that $\|\cdot\|$ is a norm on X , and that $\{x \in X : \|x\| < 1\} \subset E \subset \{x \in X : \|x\| \leq 1\}$. Show also that in any normed space X the norm is generated like this by some E .

Solution The first part of the problem is left to the students.

For the second part let X be a normed space, and $E = \{x \in X : \|x\| < 1\}$.

It is clear that E is convex, balanced and absorbing.

For each $x \in X$ define $S_x = \{r > 0 : \frac{1}{r}x \in E\}$.

Now $r \in S_x \Rightarrow r^{-1}x \in E \Rightarrow r^{-1}\|x\| < 1$.

That is $\|x\| < r$ for any $r \in S_x$. This shows that $\|x\| \leq \inf S_x$.

If possible let $\|x\| < \inf S_x$, then choose r with $\|x\| < r < \inf S_x$. Thus $r^{-1}\|x\| < 1$, and so, $r^{-1}\|x\| \in E$; that is, $r \in S_x$. This is not possible as $r < \inf S_x$ - a contradiction. Hence $\|x\| = \inf S_x$.

Problem 1.8. Let Y be a closed subspace of a normed space X and $F : X \rightarrow X/Y$ be the quotient map defined by $F(x) = x + Y$. Prove that F is continuous mapping and maps open sets of X onto open sets in X/Y .

Problem 1.9. If $x \in L^p(T)$, $x \in L^q(T)$ and $p < q$ show that $x \in L^r(T)$ for $p < r < q$.

Proof. We know that e^t is a convex function of t and hence

$$e^{\lambda u + (1-\lambda)v} \leq \lambda e^u + (1-\lambda)e^v \text{ for } 0 < \lambda < 1.$$

If $t \in T$ and $0 < |x(t)| < \infty$ choose u, v and λ such that

$$e^u = |x(t)|^p, e^v = |x(t)|^q \text{ and } r = \lambda p + (1-\lambda)q.$$

$$\text{Thus, } |x(t)|^r = \lambda |x(t)|^p + (1-\lambda) |x(t)|^q.$$

Therefore, integrating both side of above we have

$$\int |x|^r d\mu \leq \lambda \int |x|^p d\mu + (1-\lambda) \int |x|^q d\mu < \infty.$$

Hence $x \in L^r(T)$. □

Problem 1.10. Prove that if $x \in l^r$ for some $r \geq 1$ then $x \in l^p$ for all $p > r$. Prove also that $\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \|x\|_p = \|x\|_\infty$, for any $x \in l^r$.

Problem 1.11. Show that $c_{00} \subset l^p$ for $1 \leq p \leq \infty$. Is it true that $c_0 \subset l^p$?

Solution First part is clear, for the second part take $x(n) = n^{-1/p}$. Then $x \in c_0$ but $x \notin l^p$ as $\sum |x(n)|^p = \sum \frac{1}{n} = \infty$. So, $c_0 \subset l^p$ is not true for $1 \leq p < \infty$. But as we know that every convergent sequence is bounded hence it is true for $p = \infty$.

Problem 1.12. Prove that l^∞ is a Banach space. Show that c and c_0 are closed subspaces of l^∞ and hence Banach spaces. Find the dimension of the quotient space c/c_0 .

Problem 1.13. Show that c_{00} is not a closed subspace of l^∞ and l^2 .

Solution It is clear that c_{00} is a subspace of l^2 as well as l^∞ . We shall show that it is not closed in these spaces.

Let

$$x_n(j) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{j}, & 1 \leq j \leq n \\ 0, & j > n \end{cases}$$

and $x(j) = \frac{1}{j}$ for all $j \geq 1$.

Then $x_n \in c_{00}$ for all n , and $x \in l^2 \subset l^\infty$.

Now $x - x_n = (0, \dots, 0, \frac{1}{n+1}, \frac{1}{n+2}, \dots)$.

So, $\|x - x_n\|_\infty = \frac{1}{n+1} \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$,
 and $\|x - x_n\|_2^2 = \sum_{j=n+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j^2} \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Hence $x_n \rightarrow x$ in l^∞ and l^2 . Therefore, x is in the closure of c_{00} in l^∞ and in l^2 . As $x \notin c_{00}$, hence c_{00} is not closed in l^∞ and l^2 .

Problem 1.14. Show that there exist two vectors x and y in the space l^∞ such that they are linearly independent, $\|x\| = \|y\| = 1$ and $\|x + y\| = 2$.

Problem 1.15. Prove that if a normed linear space contains linearly independent vectors x and y such that $\|x\| = \|y\| = 1$ and $\|x + y\| = \|x\| + \|y\|$, then there exists a line segment contained in the unit sphere of X .

2. CONTINUITY OF LINEAR MAPS

Problem 2.1. Let f be a non-zero linear functional on a linear space X . Show that $Z(f)$ (zero space of f) is a hyperspace in X . Also show that any $x \in X$ has a unique representation as $x = kx_0 + y$ with $k \in \mathbb{K}$, $y \in Z(f)$ and for some x_0 so that $f(x_0) \neq 0$.

Problem 2.2. Show that for each hyperspace Z of a linear space X there is a linear functional f on X such that $Z = Z(f)$.

Problem 2.3. Let f_1 and f_2 be two linear functional on a linear space X . Show that if they have the same zero space then there is a nonzero scalar k such that $f_2(x) = kf_1(x)$ for all $x \in X$.

Hint. If $Z(f_1) = X$ nothing to show. Let $f(x_0) \neq 0$. Choose $k = \frac{f_2(x_0)}{f_1(x_0)}$. For any $x \in X$ let $\alpha = \frac{f_1(x)}{f_1(x_0)}$. Now show that $x - \alpha x_0 \in Z(f_1) = Z(f_2)$. Hence $f_2(x) = \alpha f_2(x_0) = \alpha k f_1(x_0) = k f_1(x)$.

Problem 2.4. Let X be a normed space and f be a nonzero bounded linear functional on X . Show that

$E = \{x \in X : f(x) = \|f\|\}$ is a nonempty closed convex subset of X . Also show that $\inf\{\|x\| : x \in E\} = 1$.

Hint. By the given condition, there exist some $x_0 \in X$ such that $f(x_0) \neq 0$. Choose $k = \frac{\|f\|}{f(x_0)}$. show that $kx_0 \in E$; thus E is nonempty.

Let $x \in \bar{E}$, then there is (x_n) in E such that $x_n \rightarrow x$. Now applying continuity of f show that $f(x) = \|f\|$; and hence $x \in E$.

For $x, y \in E$, $t \in [0, 1]$ $f(tx + (1-t)y) = \|f\|$; hence E is convex.

Problem 2.5. Show that $f : (c_{00}, \|\cdot\|_\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$ defined by $f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x(n)$ is not continuous.

Hint. Consider $x_n \in c_{00}$ defined by $x_n(j) = 1$ if $1 \leq j \leq n$ otherwise 0. Then $\|x_n\|_\infty = 1$ and $f(x_n) = n$. If f were continuous then $|f(x_n)| \leq c \|x_n\|_\infty = c$ (for some $c > 0$), imply $n \leq c$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Which is a contradiction.

Problem 2.6. Let $f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x(n)$, and $g(x) = \sum \frac{x(n)}{n^2}$. Show that f and g are bounded linear functionals on c and l^∞ respectively. Find their norms.

Solution As c is a linear space then $(kx + y)(n) = kx(n) + y(n)$ for $x, y \in c$, $k \in \mathbb{K}$ and for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Taking $n \rightarrow \infty$ we have,

$f(kx + y) = kf(x) + f(y)$. Hence f is linear.

for $x \in c$, we have $|x(n)| \leq \|x\|_\infty$ for all n .

By the given definition of f , we have $|f(x)| \leq \|x\|_\infty$. This shows that f is bounded and $\|f\| \leq 1$. Again if $x(n) = 1, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, then $x \in c$ and $\|x\|_\infty = 1$. Therefore,

$$1 = f(x) \leq \|f\| \leq \|x\|_\infty = \|f\|, \Rightarrow \|f\| = 1.$$

For g it is easy to linearity. For norm, if $x \in l^\infty$ then $x(n) \leq \|x\|_\infty$ for all n ; hence

$$|g(x)| \leq \|x\|_\infty \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \|x\|_\infty \frac{\pi^2}{6}.$$

This shows that $\|g\| \leq \frac{\pi^2}{6}$. Again, if $x(n) = 1$ for all n , then $x \in l^\infty$, $g(x) = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$, and $\|x\|_\infty = 1$. Thus $\frac{\pi^2}{6} = g(x) \leq \|g\| \|x\|_\infty = \|g\|$.

It follows that $\|g\| = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$.

Problem 2.7. Find the norm of the linear functional f defined on $C[-1, 1]$ by

$$f(x) = \int_{-1}^0 |x(t)| dt - \int_0^1 |x(t)| dt, \quad x \in C[-1, 1].$$

Hint. It is easy to show that $\|f\| \leq 2$.

For $n = 1, 2, \dots$, let

$$x_n(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & -1 \leq t \leq -1/n \\ -nt, & -1/n < t < 1/n \\ -1, & 1/n \leq t \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

Then, $x_n \in C[-1, 1]$, $\|x_n\|_\infty = 1$, and $f(x_n) = 2 - 1/n$.

Therefore, $2 - 1/n \leq \|f\|$, $\forall n$. Hence $\|f\| = 2$.

Problem 2.8. Define $S, T : C[0, 1] \rightarrow C[0, 1]$ by

$$(Sx)(s) = s \int_0^1 x(t) dt, \quad (Tx)(s) = sx(s) \text{ for } 0 \leq s \leq 1.$$

Do S and T commute? Find $\|S\|$, $\|T\|$, $\|ST\|$ and $\|TS\|$.

Answer $ST \neq TS$, $\|S\| = \|T\| = \|TS\| = 1$ and $\|ST\| = \frac{1}{2}$.

Problem 2.9. Consider \mathbb{R}^2 with Euclidean norm and $A \in BL(\mathbb{R}^2)$ be represented by the matrix $M = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$. Show that $\|A\| = \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{\alpha} + \sqrt{\beta})$,

where $\alpha = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 + 2(ad - bc)$ and $\beta = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 - 2(ad - bc)$.

Hint Consider $x = (\cos\theta, \sin\theta) \in \mathbb{R}^2$.

$$\text{Then } \|Ax\|^2 = \frac{a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2}{2} + \frac{a^2 + c^2 - b^2 - d^2}{2} \cos(2\theta) + (ab + cd) \sin(2\theta)$$

$$= \frac{\alpha + \beta}{4} + r \cos(2\theta - \phi)$$

where α, β are as above and $r \cos\phi = \frac{a^2 + c^2 - b^2 - d^2}{2}$, $r \sin\phi = ad + bc$.

So, $4r^2 = \alpha\beta$.

Hence $\|Ax\|^2 = \frac{\alpha+\beta}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{\alpha\beta}}{2}\cos(2\theta - \phi) \leq (\frac{\sqrt{\alpha}+\sqrt{\beta}}{2})^2$,
and equality holds for $\theta = \frac{1}{2}\phi$.

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