



Question 1. Let X be a vector space

(a) [4p] Give the definition of a *norm* on X .

A *norm* is a function $\|\cdot\| : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ which satisfies

- (i) $\|f\| > 0$ for all $f \in X$, $f \neq 0$;
- (ii) $\|\alpha f\| = |\alpha| \|f\|$ for all $f \in X$, $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ (or $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ if X is a real vector space);
- (iii) $\|f + g\| \leq \|f\| + \|g\|$ for all $f, g \in X$.

Consider the set $\ell^1(\mathbb{N}) := \{a = (a_j)_{j=1}^{\infty} \subseteq \mathbb{C} : \|a\|_1 < \infty\}$ where $\|a\|_1 := \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |a_j|$.

(b) [5p] Show that $\ell^1(\mathbb{N})$ is a vector space

Let $a, b \in \ell^1(\mathbb{N})$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$. Then $\|a\|_1 < \infty$ and $\|b\|_1 < \infty$. So

$$\|a + \lambda b\|_1 = \sum_j |a_j + \lambda b_j| \leq \sum_j |a_j| + |\lambda| \sum_j |b_j| = \|a\|_1 + |\lambda| \|b\|_1 < \infty.$$

Therefore $a + \lambda b \in \ell^1(\mathbb{N})$. Hence $\ell^1(\mathbb{N})$ is a vector space.

(c) [5p] Show that $\|\cdot\|_1$ is a norm on $\ell^1(\mathbb{N})$.

I proved the triangle inequality in part (b). (i) Suppose $a \in \ell^1(\mathbb{N})$ and $a \neq 0$. Then $\exists j$ such that $|a_j| > 0$. So $\|a\|_1 \geq |a_j| > 0$. (ii) Finally suppose that $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ and $a \in \ell^1(\mathbb{N})$. Then $\|\alpha a\|_1 = \sum_j |\alpha a_j| = |\alpha| \sum_j |a_j| = |\alpha| \|a\|_1$. Therefore $\|\cdot\|_1$ is a norm on $\ell^1(\mathbb{N})$.

(d) [2p] Give the definition of a *Banach space*.

A *Banach space* is a complete normed vector space.

(e) [9p] Show that $(\ell^1(\mathbb{N}), \|\cdot\|_1)$ is a Banach space.

I have already proved that $\ell^1(\mathbb{N})$ is a vector space and that $\|\cdot\|_1$ is a norm on $\ell^1(\mathbb{N})$. It remains to prove that $\ell^1(\mathbb{N})$ is complete with this norm.

Let $x^n = (x_j^n)_{j=1}^{\infty}$ be a Cauchy sequence in $\ell^1(\mathbb{N})$. So for any $\varepsilon > 0$ we can find an $N = N(\varepsilon)$ such that $\|x^m - x^n\|_1 < \varepsilon$ for $m, n > N$. This implies that $|x_j^m - x_j^n| < \varepsilon$ for all j . Thus, for each fixed j , the sequence $(x_j^n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is a Cauchy sequence in \mathbb{C} . Since \mathbb{C} is complete, this sequence has a limit: Define $x_j := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_j^n$.

Now consider $\sum_{j=1}^k |x_j^m - x_j^n| < \varepsilon$. Letting $m \rightarrow \infty$ gives us $\sum_{j=1}^k |x_j - x_j^n| \leq \varepsilon$. This is true for all k . So letting $k \rightarrow \infty$ we have $\|x - x^n\|_1 \leq \varepsilon$. Hence $(x - x^n) \in \ell^1(\mathbb{N})$. Since $x^n \in \ell^1(\mathbb{N})$, it follows that $x = x^n + (x - x^n) \in \ell^1(\mathbb{N})$ also.

Therefore, every Cauchy sequence in $\ell^1(\mathbb{N})$ is convergent. Hence $\ell^1(\mathbb{N})$ is complete.

Question 2 (Orthonormal sets). Let X be a Hilbert space.

- (a) [5p] Give the definition of an *orthonormal set*.

A set $\{u_j\}$ is called *orthonormal* iff

$$\langle u_j, u_k \rangle = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } j \neq k \\ 1 & \text{if } j = k. \end{cases}$$

Let $\{u_j\}_{j=1}^n \subseteq X$ be an orthonormal set and let $f \in X$. Define $f_{\parallel} = \sum_{j=1}^n \langle u_j, f \rangle u_j$ and $f_{\perp} = f - f_{\parallel}$.

- (b) [5p] Show that

$$\langle u_j, f_{\perp} \rangle = 0$$

for all $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

$$\begin{aligned} \langle u_j, f_{\perp} \rangle &= \langle u_j, f \rangle - \langle u_j, f_{\parallel} \rangle = \langle u_j, f \rangle - \left\langle u_j, \sum_{k=1}^n \langle u_k, f \rangle u_k \right\rangle \\ &= \langle u_j, f \rangle - \sum_{k=1}^n \langle u_k, f \rangle \langle u_j, u_k \rangle = \langle u_j, f \rangle - \langle u_j, f \rangle = 0 \end{aligned}$$

since $\langle u_j, u_k \rangle = 0$ if $j \neq k$ and $= 1$ if $j = k$.

- (c) [5p] Use (b) to show that f_{\parallel} and f_{\perp} are orthogonal.

$$\langle f_{\parallel}, f_{\perp} \rangle = \left\langle \sum_{j=1}^n \langle u_j, f \rangle u_j, f_{\perp} \right\rangle = \sum_{j=1}^n \langle u_j, f \rangle \langle u_j, f_{\perp} \rangle = 0$$

by part (b).

- (d) [5p] Show that

$$\|f\|^2 = \|f_{\parallel} + f_{\perp}\|^2 = \sum_{j=1}^n |\langle u_j, f \rangle|^2 + \|f_{\perp}\|^2.$$

[HINT: Do you remember Pythagora's Theorem?]

Since f_{\parallel} and f_{\perp} are orthogonal, we know by Pythagora that $\|f_{\parallel} + f_{\perp}\|^2 = \|f_{\parallel}\|^2 + \|f_{\perp}\|^2$. Moreover

$$\begin{aligned} \|f_{\parallel}\|^2 &= \langle f_{\parallel}, f_{\parallel} \rangle = \left\langle \sum_{j=1}^n \langle u_j, f \rangle u_j, \sum_{k=1}^n \langle u_k, f \rangle u_k \right\rangle \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n \langle \langle u_j, f \rangle u_j, \langle u_k, f \rangle u_k \rangle \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n \overline{\langle u_j, f \rangle} \langle u_k, f \rangle \langle u_j, u_k \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^n |\langle u_j, f \rangle|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Now suppose that $g \in \text{span}\{u_j\}_{j=1}^n$. [HINT: This means that $g = g_{\parallel}$ and $g_{\perp} = 0$.]

- (e) [5p] Show that

$$\|f - g\| \geq \|f_{\perp}\|.$$

Since $(f - g) = (f - g)_{\parallel} + (f - g)_{\perp} = (f_{\parallel} - g_{\parallel}) + (f_{\perp} - g_{\perp}) = (f_{\parallel} - g_{\parallel}) + (f_{\perp} - 0)$, it follows that

$$\|f - g\|^2 = \|f_{\parallel} - g_{\parallel}\|^2 + \|f_{\perp}\|^2 \geq \|f_{\perp}\|^2.$$

Question 3 (The Operator Norm). Let $(X, \|\cdot\|_X)$ and $(Y, \|\cdot\|_Y)$ be normed vector spaces. Let $A : X \rightarrow Y$ be an operator.

- (a) [3p] Give the definition of the *operator norm* of A

$$\|A\| = \sup_{f \in X, \|f\|_X=1} \|Af\|_Y.$$

- (b) [5p] Let $\lambda > 0$. Suppose that $\|Af\|_Y \leq \lambda \|f\|_X$ for all $f \in X$. Show that $\|A\| \leq \lambda$.

$$\|A\| = \sup_{\|f\|_X=1} \|Af\|_Y \leq \sup_{\|f\|_X=1} \lambda \|f\|_X = \lambda \sup_{\|f\|_X=1} \|f\|_X = \lambda.$$

- (c) [5p] Show that $\|Af\|_Y \leq \|A\| \|f\|_X$ for all $f \in X$.

The result is clearly true if $f = 0$. Suppose $f \neq 0$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|Af\|_Y &= \frac{\|f\|_X}{\|f\|_X} \|Af\|_Y = \|f\|_X \left\| \frac{1}{\|f\|_X} Af \right\|_Y = \|f\|_X \left\| A \left(\frac{f}{\|f\|_X} \right) \right\|_Y \\ &\leq \|f\|_X \sup_{\|g\|_X=1} \|Ag\|_Y = \|f\|_X \|A\|. \end{aligned}$$

- (d) [2p] Give the definition of a *bounded operator*.

A is called a *bounded operator* if $\|A\| < \infty$.

Now suppose that $A : X \rightarrow X$ and $B : X \rightarrow X$ are bounded operators.

- (e) [10p] Show that $\|AB\| \leq \|A\| \|B\|$.

It follows by part (c) that

$$\|ABf\|_X \leq \|A\| \|Bf\|_X \leq \|A\| \|B\| \|f\|_X$$

for all f . Therefore $\|AB\| \leq \|A\| \|B\|$ by part (b).

Question 4 (Orthonormal Bases). Let X be a Hilbert space. Let $\{u_j\}_{j \in J}$ be an orthonormal set in X .

(a) [5p] Suppose that

$$\|f\|^2 = \sum_{j \in J} |\langle u_j, f \rangle|^2$$

for all $f \in X$. Show that

$$\langle u_j, f \rangle = 0 \quad \forall j \in J \quad \implies \quad f = 0.$$

Suppose that $\langle u_j, f \rangle = 0 \quad \forall j \in J$. Then

$$\|f\|^2 = \sum_{j \in J} |\langle u_j, f \rangle|^2 = \sum_{j \in J} 0 = 0$$

which implies that $f = 0$.

(b) [7p] Now suppose that

$$\langle u_j, f \rangle = 0 \quad \forall j \in J \quad \implies \quad f = 0$$

is true. Suppose that $Q \supseteq \{u_j\}_{j \in J}$ is an orthonormal set. Show that $Q = \{u_j\}_{j \in J}$.

[HINT: Use proof by contradiction. Start by supposing that $\exists g \in Q$ such that $g \notin \{u_j\}_{j \in J}$.]

Suppose that $Q \neq \{u_j\}_{j \in J}$. Then there exists $g \in Q \setminus \{u_j\}_{j \in J}$ where $g \neq 0$. However, since Q is orthonormal, we know that $\langle u_j, g \rangle = 0$ for all $j \in J$. By the assumption in the question, this implies that $g = 0$. Contradiction.

Now suppose that:

- $\{u_j\}_{j \in J}$ is an orthonormal **basis** of X ;
- $A, B \in \mathcal{B}(X)$
- we define $A_{jk} := \langle u_j, Au_k \rangle$ and $B_{jk} := \langle u_j, Bu_k \rangle$, for all $j, k \in J$.

(c) [13p] If $A_{jk} = B_{jk}$ for all $j, k \in J$, show that $A = B$.

[HINT: By a theorem from the course: $\langle u_j, f \rangle = 0 \quad \forall j \implies f = 0$. Use this to show that $(A - B)g = 0 \quad \forall g \in X$.]

Let $g \in X$. Since $\{u_j\}_{j \in J}$ is an orthonormal basis, we know that

$$g = \sum_k \langle u_k, g \rangle u_k.$$

Now, for any $j \in J$, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle u_j, (A - B)g \rangle &= \langle u_j, Ag \rangle - \langle u_j, Bg \rangle = \sum_k \langle u_k, g \rangle \langle u_j, Au_k \rangle - \sum_k \langle u_k, g \rangle \langle u_j, Bu_k \rangle \\ &= \sum_k \langle u_k, g \rangle A_{jk} - \sum_k \langle u_k, g \rangle B_{jk} = \sum_k \langle u_k, g \rangle (A_{jk} - B_{jk}) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Then by the hint, it follows that $(A - B)g = 0$. Since this is true for all g , we must have that $A = B$.

Question 5 (Adjoint of Operators). Let X be a Hilbert space and let $\mathcal{B}(X) = \{A : X \rightarrow X : A \text{ is linear and bounded}\}$.

- (a) [5p] Let $A \in \mathcal{B}(X)$ be an operator. Give the definition of the *adjoint* of A .

The *adjoint* of A is the unique operator $A^* \in \mathcal{B}(X)$ such that

- (b) [5p] Show that $(AB)^* = B^*A^*$ for all $A, B \in \mathcal{B}(X)$.

Let $A, B \in \mathcal{B}(X)$. Then

$$\langle (AB)^*x, y \rangle = \langle x, AB y \rangle = \langle A^*x, B y \rangle = \langle B^*A^*x, y \rangle$$

for all $x, y \in X$. Therefore $(AB)^* = B^*A^*$.

- (c) [5p] Now let $u, v \in X$. Define an operator $E : X \rightarrow X$ by

$$E f = \langle u, f \rangle v.$$

Calculate E^* .

Since

$$\langle E^*g, f \rangle = \langle g, E f \rangle = \langle g, \langle u, f \rangle v \rangle = \langle u, f \rangle \langle g, v \rangle = \langle \overline{\langle g, v \rangle} u, f \rangle = \langle \langle v, g \rangle u, f \rangle$$

for all $f, g \in X$, we can see that E^* is given by

$$E^* f = \langle v, f \rangle u.$$

- (d) [10p] Show that

$$\text{Ker}(A^*) = \text{Ran}(A)^\perp$$

for all $A \in \mathcal{B}(X)$.

Let $A \in \mathcal{B}(X)$ and $f \in X$. Since

$$\begin{aligned} f \in \text{Ker}(A^*) &\iff A^* f = 0 \\ &\iff \langle A^* f, g \rangle = 0 \quad \forall g \in X \\ &\iff \langle f, A g \rangle = 0 \quad \forall g \in X \\ &\iff \langle f, h \rangle = 0 \quad \forall h \in \text{Ran}(A) \\ &\iff f \in \text{Ran}(A)^\perp, \end{aligned}$$

it follows that

$$\text{Ker}(A^*) = \text{Ran}(A)^\perp.$$