



**Question 1** (Weak Convergence).

- (a) [5 pts] Let  $X$  be a Banach space. Give the definition of *weak convergence* in  $X$  [i.e.  $x_n \rightharpoonup x$  for  $x_n \in X$ ].

We say that  $x_n$  converges weakly to  $x$ , and write  $x_n \rightharpoonup x$ , iff  $l(x_n) \rightarrow l(x)$  for all  $l \in X^*$ .

Consider the Banach space  $\ell^p(\mathbb{N})$  where

$$\ell^p(\mathbb{N}) := \left\{ a = (a_j)_{j=1}^{\infty} \subseteq \mathbb{C} : \|a\|_p := \left( \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |a_j|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} < \infty \right\}$$

for  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , and

$$\ell^{\infty}(\mathbb{N}) := \left\{ a = (a_j)_{j=1}^{\infty} \subseteq \mathbb{C} : \|a\|_{\infty} := \sup_j |a_j| < \infty \right\}.$$

Define

$$\delta_j^n = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = j \\ 0 & \text{if } n \neq j. \end{cases}$$

[For example,  $\delta^5$  is the sequence  $(0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, \dots)$ ]

- (b) [6 pts] Show that  $\delta^n \in \ell^p(\mathbb{N})$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and for all  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ .

Clearly

$$\|\delta^n\|_{\infty} = \sup_j |d_j^n| = |\delta^n| = 1 < \infty.$$

So  $\delta^n \in \ell^{\infty}(\mathbb{N})$  for all  $n$ .

Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . Then

$$\|\delta^n\|_p^p = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\delta_j^n|^p = \|\delta^n\| = 1 < \infty.$$

So  $\delta^n \in \ell^p(\mathbb{N})$  for all  $n$ .

- (c) [7 pts] Let  $1 < p < \infty$ . Show that  $\delta^n \rightharpoonup 0$ .

Let  $l \in \ell^p(\mathbb{N})^*$ . Then  $\exists y \in \ell^q(\mathbb{N})$  ( $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ ) such that

$$l(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} y_j x_j$$

for all  $x \in \ell^p(\mathbb{N})$ .

So

$$|l(\delta^n)| = \left| \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} y_j \delta_j^n \right| = |y_n| \rightarrow 0$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  since  $y \in \ell^q(\mathbb{N})$ .

Therefore  $\delta \rightharpoonup 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

(d) [7 pts] Show that  $\delta^n$  is not weakly convergent in  $\ell^1(\mathbb{N})$ .

Consider first the functional  $l \in \ell^1(\mathbb{N})^*$  defined by  $l(x) = x_1$ . Then  $l(\delta^n) = 0$  for all  $n \geq 2$ . So clearly  $l(\delta^n) \rightarrow 0 = l(0)$ . Therefore, if  $\delta^n$  is weakly convergent in  $\ell^1(\mathbb{N})$ , then  $\delta^n \rightarrow 0$ . Next consider  $\tilde{l} \in \ell^1(\mathbb{N})^*$  defined by  $\tilde{l}(x) = x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 + \dots$ . Then  $\tilde{l}(\delta^n) = 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , so  $\tilde{l}(\delta^n) \not\rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore  $\delta^n$  is not weakly convergent in  $\ell^1(\mathbb{N})$ .

**Question 2** (Dual Spaces). Let  $X$  be a normed vector space.

(a) [4 pts] Give the definition of the *dual space* of  $X$ .

The dual space of  $X$  is  $X^* = \mathcal{B}(X, \mathbb{C})$  [ or  $\mathcal{B}(X, \mathbb{R})$  if  $X$  is a real vector space ].

(b) [4 pts] Let  $x_0 \in X$  and  $Y \subseteq X$ . Give the definition of

$$\text{dist}(x_0, Y).$$

$$\text{dist}(x_0, Y) = \inf_{y \in Y} \|x_0 - y\|_X$$

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**Corollary 12.** Let  $X$  be a normed vector space and let  $Y \subseteq X$  be a subspace. Let  $x_0 \in X \setminus \bar{Y}$ . Then  $\exists l \in X^*$  such that

- (i)  $l(y) = 0 \quad \forall y \in Y$ ;
  - (ii)  $l(x_0) = \text{dist}(x_0, Y)$ ; and
  - (iii)  $\|l\| = 1$ .
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(c) [17 pts] Let  $X$  be a normed vector space and let  $Y \subseteq X$  be a subspace. Define

$$S := \{f \in X^* : f(y) = 0 \quad \forall y \in Y\} \subseteq X^*.$$

Use Corollary 4.12 to prove that

$$x_0 \in \bar{Y} \quad \iff \quad l(x_0) = 0 \quad \forall l \in S.$$

“ $\implies$ ”  
 Let  $x_0 \in \bar{Y}$ . Then  $\exists$  a sequence  $(x_n) \subseteq Y$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x_0$ . Let  $l \in S$ . Then  $l(x_n) = 0 \quad \forall n$ . It follows by continuity that  $l(x_0) = 0$  also. 8

“ $\impliedby$ ”  
 Now suppose that  $x_0 \notin \bar{Y}$ . By Corollary 4.12,  $\exists l \in X^*$  such that  $l(y) = 0 \quad \forall y \in Y$  (i.e.  $l \in S$ ) and  $l(x_0) = \text{dist}(x_0, Y) > 0$ . Therefore  $\exists l \in S$  such that  $l(x_0) \neq 0$ , and we are finished. 9

**Question 3** (Weak and Strong Convergence of Operators). Consider the Hilbert space  $\ell^2(\mathbb{N}) = \{a = (a_j)_{j=1}^\infty \subseteq \mathbb{C} : \|a\|_2 < \infty\}$  with the inner product  $\langle x, y \rangle_2 = \sum_{j=1}^\infty \bar{x}_j y_j$ .

Define two sequences of (bounded linear) operators  $S_n : \ell^2(\mathbb{N}) \rightarrow \ell^2(\mathbb{N})$  and  $S_n^* : \ell^2(\mathbb{N}) \rightarrow \ell^2(\mathbb{N})$  by

$$S_n(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6, \dots) = (x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, x_{n+3}, x_{n+4}, \dots)$$

and

$$S_n^*(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6, \dots) = (\underbrace{0, 0, \dots, 0}_{n \text{ terms}}, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, \dots).$$

In other words,  $S_n$  shifts every term,  $n$  places to the left; and  $S_n^*$  shifts every term,  $n$  places to the right.

- (a) [5 pts] Show that
- $\|S_n\| = 1, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$
- .

First  $\|S_n x\|_2 = (\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |(S_n x)_j|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} = (\sum_{j=n+1}^{\infty} |x_j|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq (\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |x_j|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \|x\|_2$  for all  $x$ . So  $\|S_n\| \leq 1$ . Moreover,  $\|\delta^m\|_2 = 1$  for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $\|S_n \delta^{n+1}\|_2 = \|\delta^1\|_2 = 1 = \|\delta^{n+1}\|_2$ . Therefore  $\|S_n\| \geq 1$ .

- (b) [5 pts] Show that
- $\|S_n^*\| = 1, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$
- .

$\|S_n^* x\|_2 = (\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |(S_n^* x)_j|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} = (\sum_{j=n+1}^{\infty} |(S_n^* x)_j|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} = (\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |x_j|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \|x\|_2$  for all  $x$ . Therefore  $\|S_n^*\| = 1$ .

- (c) [5 pts] Show that
- $S_n^*$
- is the adjoint of
- $S_n$
- .

[HINT: In other words, show that  $\langle x, S_n^* y \rangle_2 = \langle S_n x, y \rangle_2$  for all  $x, y \in \ell^2(\mathbb{N})$ .]

$$\langle x, S_n^* y \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \overline{x_j} (S_n^* y)_j = \sum_{j=n+1}^{\infty} \overline{x_j} y_{j-n} = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \overline{x_{n+j}} y_j = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \overline{(S_n x)_j} y_j = \langle S_n x, y \rangle$$

- (d) [5 pts] Show that
- $S_n \not\rightarrow 0$
- as
- $n \rightarrow \infty$
- .

Since  $\|S_n\| = 1$  for all  $n$ , it follows that  $\|S_n - 0\| \not\rightarrow 0$ . So  $S_n \not\rightarrow 0$ .

- (e) [5 pts] Show that
- $\text{s-lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = 0$
- .

Let  $x \in \ell^2(\mathbb{N})$ . Then  $\|x\|_2 < \infty$ . So  $\sum_{j=1}^n |x_j|^2 \rightarrow \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |x_j|^2$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore

$$\|S_n x\|_2 = (\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |(S_n x)_j|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} = (\sum_{j=n+1}^{\infty} |x_j|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \rightarrow 0$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Hence  $S_n x \rightarrow 0$  for all  $x$ , and thus  $\text{s-lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = 0$ .

**Question 4** (Closed Operators). Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces.

- (a) [4 pts] Give the definition of the
- graph*
- of an operator
- $A : \mathfrak{D}(A) \subseteq X \rightarrow Y$
- .

$$\Gamma(A) = \{(x, Ax) : x \in \mathfrak{D}(A)\}$$

- (b) [4 pts] Give the definition of a
- closed operator*
- .

An operator is called closed iff its graph is a closed set.

- (c) [7 pts] Now suppose that
- $A : X \rightarrow Y$
- is a bounded operator. Show that
- $A$
- is a closed operator.

[HINT: Start by letting  $(x_n, Ax_n)$  be any Cauchy sequence in  $\Gamma(A)$ .]

Let  $(x_n, Ax_n)$  be a Cauchy sequence in  $\Gamma(A) \subseteq X \oplus Y$ . Then  $x_n$  is a Cauchy sequence in the Banach space  $X$ . So  $x_n \rightarrow x \in X$ .

Now,  $A$  is bounded 1, so  $A$  is continuous 1. Therefore  $x_n \rightarrow x \implies Ax_n \rightarrow Ax$ . So  $(x_n, Ax_n) \rightarrow (x, Ax) \in \Gamma(A)$ . So  $\Gamma(A)$  is closed.

Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|_X)$  and  $(Y, \|\cdot\|_Y)$  be Banach space. Let  $A : \mathfrak{D}(A) \subseteq X \rightarrow Y$  be an operator. We can define a new norm, called the *graph norm associated with  $A$* , by

$$\|x\|_A = \|x\|_X + \|Ax\|_Y$$

for all  $x \in \mathfrak{D}(A)$ .

- (d) [10 pts] Show that
- $A : (\mathfrak{D}(A), \|\cdot\|_A) \rightarrow (Y, \|\cdot\|_Y)$
- is bounded.

Let  $x \in \mathfrak{D}(A)$ . Then

$$\|Ax\|_Y \leq \|x\|_X + \|Ax\|_Y = \|x\|_A.$$

Therefore  $\|A\| = \sup_{\|x\|_A=1} \|Ax\|_Y \leq 1 < \infty$ . Therefore  $A$  is bounded.

**Question 5** (Compact Operators). Let  $X$  be a Hilbert space.

(a) [5 pts] Give the definition of a *compact operator*.

An operator  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  is called compact iff,

$$(f_n) \subseteq X \text{ bounded} \implies (Af_n) \subseteq Y \text{ has a convergent subsequence.}$$

Let  $K \in \mathcal{K}(X)$  be compact. Let  $s_j$  be the singular values of  $K$  and let  $\{u_j\}$  be the corresponding orthonormal eigenvectors of  $K^*K$ . Then

$$K = \sum_j s_j \langle u_j, \cdot \rangle v_j$$

where

$$v_j = \frac{1}{s_j} K u_j$$

by Theorem 5.1.

(b) [10 pts] Show that  $\|K\| \leq \max_j \{s_j\}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \|Kf\|^2 &= \left\| \sum_j s_j \langle u_j, f \rangle v_j \right\|^2 \\ &= \sum_j \|s_j \langle u_j, f \rangle v_j\|^2 \quad (\text{since the } v_j \text{ are orthogonal}) \\ &= \sum_j |s_j|^2 |\langle u_j, f \rangle|^2 \\ &\leq \max_j \{s_j\} \sum_j |\langle u_j, f \rangle|^2 \quad (\text{since the } s_j \text{ are real and positive}) \\ &= \max_j \{s_j\} \|f\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\|K\| \leq \max_j \{s_j\}$ .

(c) [10 pts] Show that  $\|K\| \geq \max_j \{s_j\}$ .

Finally, choose  $j_0$  such that  $s_{j_0} = \max_j \{s_j\}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|K u_{j_0}\| &= \left\| \sum_j s_j \langle u_j, u_{j_0} \rangle v_j \right\|^2 \\ &= \|s_{j_0} v_{j_0}\| = s_{j_0}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\|K\| = \sup_{\|f\|=1} \|Kf\| \geq \|K u_{j_0}\| = s_{j_0} = \max_j \{s_j\}.$$