



**Soru 1 (Hilbert-Schmidt Operators).** Let  $X$  be a Hilbert space.

- (a) [1p] Please write your student number on every page.  
 (b) [3p] Give the definition of the *Hilbert-Schmidt norm* of an operator.

$$\|K\|_2 := \left( \sum_j s_j(K)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

where  $\{s_j(K)\}$  are the singular values of  $K : X \rightarrow X$ .

- (c) [3p] Give the definition of  $\mathcal{J}_2(X)$ , the space of *Hilbert-Schmidt operators*.

$$\mathcal{J}_2(X) := \{K \in \mathcal{K}(X) : \|K\|_2 < \infty\}.$$

Now consider the Hilbert space  $\ell^2(\mathbb{N})$ . Let  $a = (a_j)_{j=1}^\infty \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  be a sequence. Define an operator  $A : \ell^2(\mathbb{N}) \rightarrow \ell^2(\mathbb{N})$  by

$$Ax_j = a_j x_j.$$

[For example: If  $a = (3, 1, 4, 1, 5, 9, 2, \dots)$  then  $A(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, \dots) = (3x_1, x_2, 4x_3, x_4, \dots)$ . If  $a = (1, 0, 0, 0, 0, \dots)$  then  $A(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, \dots) = (x_1, 0, 0, 0, \dots)$ .]

- (d) [1p] Does  $\{\delta^n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  form an orthonormal basis for  $\ell^2(\mathbb{N})$ ?

Yes       No.

- (e) [17p] Show that

$$a \in \ell^2(\mathbb{N}) \iff A \text{ is a Hilbert-Schmidt operator.}$$

Since  $\{\delta^n\}$  forms an orthonormal basis of  $\ell^2(\mathbb{N})$  (part (d) was a hint!!!!), we can use Lemma 5.5 to calculate that

$$\|A\|_2 = \left( \sum_{j=1}^\infty \|A\delta^j\|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left( \sum_j |a|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \|a\|_{\ell^2}.$$

Clearly if  $A$  is Hilbert-Schmidt, then  $\|a\|_{\ell^2} = \|A\|_2 < \infty$  and hence that  $a \in \ell^2(\mathbb{N})$ . Conversely, suppose that  $a \in \ell^2(\mathbb{N})$ . Then we have that  $\|A\|_2 = \|a\|_{\ell^2} < \infty$  and, by Lemma 5.6, this is sufficient to prove that  $A$  is a Hilbert-Schmidt operator.

**Soru 2 (Finite Rank Operators).**

- (a) [3p] Give the definition of the *rank* of an operator.

Let  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  be an operator. Then the rank of  $A$  is

$$\text{rank}(A) := \dim A(X) = \dim \text{Ran}(A).$$

- (b) [2p] Give the definition of a *finite rank* operator.

An operator  $A$  is called a finite rank operator if and only if  $\text{rank}(A) < \infty$ .

Define an operator  $B : \ell^\infty(\mathbb{N}) \rightarrow \ell^\infty(\mathbb{N})$  by

$$B(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6, \dots) := (x_2, x_4, x_2, x_4, x_2, x_4, \dots).$$

- (c) [5p] Calculate  $\text{rank}(B)$ .

An easy question: Clearly

$$\text{Ran}(B) = \text{span}\{(1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, \dots), (0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, \dots)\}.$$

Therefore  $\text{rank}(B) = 2$ .

Now suppose that

- $X$  is a Hilbert space;
- $A : X \rightarrow X$  is a finite rank operator; and
- $A^* : X \rightarrow X$  is the adjoint of  $A$ .

- (d) [15p] Show that  $A^*$  is a finite rank operator.

SOLUTION 1: Since  $A$  is finite rank, we can write

$$A = \sum_{j=1}^n s_j \langle u_j, \cdot \rangle v_j$$

where  $u_j$  and  $v_j$  are as in Theorem 5.1 and where  $n = \text{rank}(A) \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} \langle A^* f, g \rangle &= \langle f, Ag \rangle = \left\langle f, \sum_{j=1}^n s_j \langle u_j, g \rangle v_j \right\rangle = \sum_{j=1}^n s_j \langle u_j, g \rangle \langle f, v_j \rangle \\ &= \left\langle \sum_{j=1}^n s_j \overline{\langle f, v_j \rangle} u_j, g \right\rangle = \left\langle \sum_{j=1}^n s_j \langle v_j, f \rangle u_j, g \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

for all  $f$  and  $g$ , we can see that

$$A^* = \sum_{j=1}^n s_j \langle v_j, \cdot \rangle u_j.$$

Therefore  $\text{rank}(A^*) = n < \infty$ .

SOLUTION 2: In MAT461 Fonksiyonel Analiz I, you showed that  $\text{Ker}(A^*) = \text{Ran}(A)^\perp$ . Hence  $\text{Ker}(A) = \text{Ran}(A^*)^\perp$  and thus  $\text{Ker}(A)^\perp = \text{Ran}(A^*)$ . It is easy to see that  $A|_{\text{Ker}(A)^\perp} : \text{Ker}(A)^\perp \rightarrow \text{Ran}(A)$  is an isomorphism. Hence  $\text{Ran}(A^*) = \text{Ker}(A)^\perp \cong \text{Ran}(A)$ . Therefore  $\text{rank}(A^*) = \text{rank}(A) < \infty$ .

**Soru 3 (The Fredholm Alternative).** Let  $X$  be a Hilbert space.

- (a) [5p] Give the definition of the *orthogonal complement* of a set  $M \subseteq X$ .

The *orthogonal complement* of  $M$  is

$$M^\perp := \{f \in X : \langle f, g \rangle = 0 \forall g \in M\}.$$

Recall Theorem 5.10. You may assume that this theorem is true.

**Theorem 10.** Suppose  $K \in \mathcal{K}(X)$ . Then

$$\dim \text{Ker}(1 - K) = \dim \text{Ran}(1 - K)^\perp < \infty.$$

- (b) [20p] Suppose that  $K \in \mathcal{K}(X)$ . Show that either

- the inhomogeneous equation

$$f = Kf + g$$

has a unique solution for every  $g \in X$ ;

or

- the corresponding homogeneous equation

$$f = Kf$$

has a nontrivial solution.

(This famous result is called the *Fredholm Alternative*. It is named after the Swedish mathematician *Erik Ivar Fredholm*, 1866-1927.)

This is an easy question – I hope that you choose this question.

We know that either

(a)  $\text{Ker}(1 - K) = \{0\}$ ; or

(b)  $\text{Ker}(1 - K) \neq \{0\}$

**CASE 1:** Suppose that  $\text{Ker}(1 - K) = \{0\}$ . Then  $\dim \text{Ran}(1 - K)^\perp = \dim \text{Ker}(1 - K) = 0$  which implies that  $\text{Ran}(1 - K) = X$ . But this means that  $\forall g \in X, \exists f \in X$  such that  $(1 - K)f = g$ . Because  $\text{Ker}(1 - K) = \{0\}$ , the  $f$  must be unique. Therefore  $f = Kf + g$  has a unique solution  $\forall g \in X$ .

**CASE 2:** Now suppose that  $\text{Ker}(1 - K) \neq \{0\}$ . Because  $K$  is linear, we know that  $\dim \text{Ker}(1 - K) \geq 1$ . Therefore  $\exists f \neq 0$  such that  $(1 - K)f = 0$ . Hence the equation  $f = Kf$  has a nontrivial solution.

**Soru 4 (Weak Convergence).** Let  $X$  be a Banach space.

- (a) [5p] Give the definition of *weak convergence* of a sequence of vectors 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  $l \in X^*$ .

Now suppose that

- $l_j \in X^*$  for all  $j \in J$ ;
- $\{l_j\}_{j \in J}$  is total in  $X^*$ .

(b) [5p] Show that

$$x_n \rightharpoonup x \quad \implies \quad x_n \text{ is bounded and } l_j(x_n) \rightarrow l_j(x) \text{ for all } j.$$

Another easy question for you: By definition if  $x \rightharpoonup x$  then  $l_j(x_n) \rightarrow l_j(x)$  for all  $j$ . [2]

The boundedness of  $x_n$  comes immediately from Lemma 4.16 – every weak convergent sequence is weak Cauchy, and every weak Cauchy sequence is bounded. [3]

It is also true that

$$x_n \rightharpoonup x \quad \iff \quad x_n \text{ is bounded and } l_j(x_n) \rightarrow l_j(x) \text{ for all } j,$$

but I am not asking you to prove this. Perhaps this is a hint for part (c).

(c) [15p] Show that

$$x_n \rightharpoonup x \quad \not\iff \quad l_j(x_n) \rightarrow l_j(x) \text{ for all } j.$$

[HINT: Maybe consider  $X = \ell^2(\mathbb{N})$  for your counterexample? You know that  $\ell^2(\mathbb{N})^* \cong \ell^2(\mathbb{N})$ .]

Define  $l_j(z) = z_j$  for all  $z \in \ell^2(\mathbb{N})$ . Then  $\{l_j\}$  is total in  $\ell^2(\mathbb{N})^* \cong \ell^2(\mathbb{N})$ . Moreover, define a linear functional  $l$  by  $l(z) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j} z_j = \langle (1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \dots), z \rangle$ . Note that  $l$  is bounded because  $(1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \dots) \in \ell^2(\mathbb{N})$ .

Consider the sequence  $x_n = n\delta^n = (0, \dots, 0, n, 0, \dots)$ . Clearly  $l_j(x^n) = 0$  for all  $n > j$ . Therefore  $l_j(x^n) \rightarrow 0 = l_j(0)$  for all  $j$ . However  $x^n$  is not bounded and  $l(x^n) = 1 \not\rightarrow 0$  which shows that  $x \not\rightarrow 0$ .

### Soru 5 (Odds and Sods).

(a) [3p] Give the definition of the *graph* of an operator.

Let  $A : \mathfrak{D}(A) \subseteq X \rightarrow Y$  be an operator. The graph of  $A$  is

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

(b) [2p] Give the definition of a *closed* operator.

We say that an operator  $A : \mathfrak{D}(A) \subseteq X \rightarrow Y$  is closed iff, its graph is a closed subset of  $X \oplus Y$ .

(c) [8p] Give an example of a closed operator. Prove that your operator is closed.

Many possible answers. E.g. identity operator on a Banach space.

(d) [5p] Give the definition of a *reflexive* space.

Define  $J : X \rightarrow X^{**}$  by  $J(x)(l) = l(x)$ .  $X$  is called a *reflexive* space if and only if  $J$  is a surjection.

(e) [7p] Show that every Hilbert space is reflexive.

And another easy one to finish with: This comes immediately from the Riesz Representation Theorem. Shame on you if you can't get these very easy points.

By Riesz,  $X \cong X^*$  for every Hilbert space. Hence if  $X$  is a Hilbert space, then  $X \cong X^* \cong X^{**}$  and thus  $X$  must be reflexive.