

Midterm Exam

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Note: This is a close-book and close-note exam. There are 4 problems of total 100 points. To get credit, you must show your work. Partial credit will be given to partial answers.

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1. (25 points) Let (X, \mathcal{M}, μ) be a measure space and $f \in L^\infty(\mu)$. Let $E = \{x \in X : |f(x)| \leq \|f\|_\infty\}$. Use the definition $\|f\|_\infty = \inf\{a \geq 0 : \mu(\{|f| > a\}) = 0\}$ to prove that $\mu(E^c) = 0$ and that $\|f\|_\infty = \sup_{x \in E} |f(x)|$.

Proof. Let $A = \{a \geq 0 : \mu(\{|f| > a\}) = 0\}$. By the definition of $\|f\|_\infty$, $\exists a_n \in A$ s.t. $a_n \downarrow \|f\|_\infty$. Hence, $E^c = \{|f| > \|f\|_\infty\} = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \{|f| > a_n\}$, and $\mu(E^c) \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mu(\{|f| > a_n\}) = 0$.

Clearly, $\|f\|_\infty \geq \sup_{x \in E} |f(x)|$. If $\|f\|_\infty > \sup_{x \in E} |f(x)|$, then, there exists $\varepsilon \in (0, \|f\|_\infty)$ s.t. $\|f\|_\infty - \varepsilon > \sup_{x \in E} |f(x)|$. This implies that $E = \{x \in X : |f(x)| \leq \|f\|_\infty - \varepsilon\}$. Consequently, $\mu(\{|f| > \|f\|_\infty - \varepsilon\}) = \mu(E^c) = 0$. The definition of $\|f\|_\infty$ then implies that $\|f\|_\infty \leq \|f\|_\infty - \varepsilon$. This is impossible. Hence, $\|f\|_\infty = \sup_{x \in E} |f(x)|$.

2. (25 points) Prove the following:

- (1) If $y_n \rightarrow y$ weakly in a Banach space X (i.e., $f(y_n) \rightarrow f(y)$ for any $f \in X^*$), then $\sup_{n \geq 1} \|y_n\| < \infty$;
- (2) If $x_n \rightarrow x$ strongly and $y_n \rightarrow y$ weakly in a Hilbert space H , then $\langle x_n, y_n \rangle \rightarrow \langle x, y \rangle$.

Proof. (1) Recall that each $z \in X$ defines $\hat{z} \in X^{**}$ by $\hat{z}(f) = f(z) \forall f \in X^*$ and $\|\hat{z}\| = \|z\|$. Now, $y_n \rightarrow y$ weakly. So, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(y_n) = f(y) \forall f \in X^*$. Thus, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \hat{y}_n(f) = y(f) \forall f \in X^*$. This implies that $\sup_{n \geq 1} |\hat{y}_n(f)| < \infty \forall f \in X^*$. By the Principle of Uniform Boundedness,

$$\sup_{n \geq 1} \|y_n\| = \sup_{n \geq 1} \|\hat{y}_n\| < \infty.$$

(2) We have $\langle x_n, y_n \rangle - \langle x, y \rangle$
 $= \langle x_n - x, y_n \rangle + \langle x, y_n - y \rangle.$

By the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality and (1),

$$|\langle x_n - x, y_n \rangle| \leq \|x_n - x\| \|y_n\| \leq \left(\sup_{k \geq 1} \|y_k\| \right) \|x_n - x\| \rightarrow 0.$$

Now, $f_x(z) = \langle z, x \rangle (\forall z \in H)$ defines $f_x \in H^*$ and $\|f_x\| = \|x\|$. Since $y_n \rightarrow y$ weakly, $f_x(y_n) \rightarrow f_x(y)$.

i.e., $\langle y_n, x \rangle \rightarrow \langle y, x \rangle$. Hence, $\langle y_n - y, x \rangle \rightarrow 0$.

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Therefore, $\langle x_n, y_n \rangle \rightarrow \langle x, y \rangle$.

3. (25 points) Let X be a Banach space and $T \in L(X, X)$. Assume that $\|T\| < 1$. Show that $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} T^n$ converges in $L(X, X)$. Moreover, if $S = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} T^n$, then $S(I - T) = (I - T)S = I$, where $I : X \rightarrow X$ is the identity map.

Proof. If $A, B \in L(X, X)$ then $AB : X \rightarrow X$ is linear and $\|ABx\| = \|A(Bx)\| \leq \|A\| \|Bx\| \leq \|A\| \|B\| \|x\|, \forall x \in X$. Hence $\|AB\| \leq \|A\| \|B\|$. (In particular, $AB \in L(X, X)$). Similarly, if $n \geq 2$, then $T^n \in L(X, X)$, and $\|T^n\| \leq \|T^{n-1}\| \|T\| \leq \|T^{n-2}\| \|T\|^2 \leq \dots \leq \|T\|^n$.

Now, $\left\| \sum_{j=n}^m T^j \right\| \leq \sum_{j=n}^m \|T\|^j \xrightarrow{(m,n \rightarrow \infty)} 0$ since $\|T\| < 1$. Since $L(X, X)$ is a Banach space, $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} T^n$ converges in $L(X, X)$. Let $S = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} T^n \in L(X, X)$ i.e.,

$\left\| \sum_{j=0}^n T^j - S \right\| \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. It is easy to verify that

$$\left(\sum_{j=0}^n T^j \right) (I - T) = \sum_{j=0}^n T^j - \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} T^j = I - T^{n+1}$$

Hence, $\left\| \left(\sum_{j=0}^n T^j \right) (I - T) - I \right\| = \|T^{n+1}\| \leq \|T\|^{n+1} \rightarrow 0$.

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} \|S(I - T) - I\| &\leq \left\| \left(S - \sum_{j=0}^n T^j \right) (I - T) \right\| + \left\| \left(\sum_{j=0}^n T^j \right) (I - T) - I \right\| \\ &\leq \left\| S - \sum_{j=0}^n T^j \right\| \|I - T\| + \left\| \left(\sum_{j=0}^n T^j \right) (I - T) - I \right\| \\ &\rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \end{aligned}$$

i.e. $S(I - T) = I$. Similarly, $(I - T)S = I$.

4. (25 points) For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let $\phi_n \in C(\mathbb{R})$ be such that $\phi_n \geq 0$ on \mathbb{R} , $\phi_n(x) = 0$ if $|x| \geq 1/n$, and $\int_{\mathbb{R}} \phi_n(x) dx = 1$. For any $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$, define $J_n f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$(J_n f)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \phi_n(x-y) f(y) dy \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Prove the following:

- (1) If $g \in C_c(\mathbb{R})$ (i.e., $g \in C(\mathbb{R})$ and $g = 0$ outside a finite interval) then $J_n g \xrightarrow{\text{Jug}} g$ uniformly on \mathbb{R} ;
 (2) If $1 < p < \infty$ and $h \in L^p(\mathbb{R})$, then $\|J_n h\|_p \leq \|h\|_p$ for each n and $J_n h \rightarrow h$ in $L^p(\mathbb{R})$.

Proof. (1) We have for any $x \in \mathbb{R}$ that

$$\begin{aligned} |J_n g(x) - g(x)| &= \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \phi_n(x-y) [g(y) - g(x)] dy \right| \\ &= \left| \int_{x-\frac{1}{n}}^{x+\frac{1}{n}} \phi_n(x-y) [g(y) - g(x)] dy \right| \\ &\leq \left(\max_{y' \in [x-\frac{1}{n}, x+\frac{1}{n}]} |g(y') - g(x)| \right) \int_{x-\frac{1}{n}}^{x+\frac{1}{n}} \phi_n(x-y) dy \\ \int_{x-\frac{1}{n}}^{x+\frac{1}{n}} \phi_n(x-y) dy &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \phi_n(x-y) dy = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \phi_n(z) dz = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Since g is uniformly continuous,

$$\max_{y' \in [x-\frac{1}{n}, x+\frac{1}{n}]} |g(y') - g(x)| \leq \max_{x', y' \in \mathbb{R}, |x' - y'| \leq \frac{1}{n}} |g(x') - g(y')| \triangleq \omega_{\frac{1}{n}}(g)$$

$$\text{and } \max_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |J_n g(x) - g(x)| \leq \omega_{\frac{1}{n}}(g) \rightarrow 0.$$

Hence $J_n g \rightarrow g$ uniformly on \mathbb{R} .

- (2) Let $q = \frac{p}{p-1} \in (1, \infty)$, i.e., $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} |J_n h(x)|^p &\leq \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} \phi_n(x-y) |h(y)| dy \right)^p \\ &= \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} \phi_n(x-y)^{\frac{1}{q}} \phi_n(x-y)^{\frac{1}{p}} |h(y)| dy \right)^p \\ &\stackrel{\text{Hölder}}{\leq} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} \phi_n(x-y) dy \right)^{\frac{p}{q}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \phi_n(x-y) |h(y)|^p dy \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \phi_n(x-y) |h(y)|^p dy \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}. \end{aligned}$$

By Fubini's Theorem,

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{\mathbb{R}} |T_n h(x)|^p dx &\leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} |h(y)|^p \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} \phi_n(x-y) dx \right) dy \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} |h(y)|^p dy\end{aligned}$$

Hence, $\|T_n h\|_p \leq \|h\|_p$.

$\forall \varepsilon > 0$. $\exists \tilde{h} \in C_c(\mathbb{R})$ s.t. $\|\tilde{h} - h\|_p < \varepsilon$. We have

$$\begin{aligned}\|T_n h - h\|_p &\leq \|T_n h - T_n \tilde{h}\|_p + \|T_n \tilde{h} - \tilde{h}\|_p + \|\tilde{h} - h\|_p \\ &\leq 2\|h - \tilde{h}\|_p + \|T_n \tilde{h} - \tilde{h}\|_p \\ &\leq 2\varepsilon + \|T_n \tilde{h} - \tilde{h}\|_p.\end{aligned}$$

Since all $T_n \tilde{h}$ ($n \geq 1$), \tilde{h} vanish outside a single finite interval, and since $T_n \tilde{h} \rightarrow \tilde{h}$ uniformly on \mathbb{R} (by (1)), we have $\|T_n \tilde{h} - \tilde{h}\|_p \rightarrow 0$.

Hence, $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|T_n h - h\|_p \leq 2\varepsilon$.

Consequently, $\|T_n h - h\|_p \rightarrow 0$. i.e., $T_n h \rightarrow h$ in $L^p(\mathbb{R})$.