

Solutions to Functional Analysis Assignment 2

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1 Question 1 ✓

Let $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\mathcal{C}[a, b]$ denotes the space of real valued continuous function on $[a, b]$. Let $\|f\|_p$ and $\|f\|_\infty$ denotes the norm on $\mathcal{C}[a, b]$ given by $\|f\|_p = (\int |f(x)|^p dx)^{\frac{1}{p}}$, for $p \geq 1$ and $\|f\|_\infty = \sup\{|f(x)| : x \in [a, b]\}$. Establish the following inequalities :

(i) $|\int f(x)g(x)dx| \leq \|f\|_p \|g\|_q, \quad f, g \in \mathcal{C}[a, b], p > 1 \text{ and } 1/p + 1/q = 1.$

(ii) $|\int f(x)g(x)dx| \leq \|f\|_1 \|g\|_\infty, \quad f, g \in \mathcal{C}[a, b].$

(iii) $\|f + g\|_p \leq \|f\|_p + \|g\|_p, \quad f, g \in \mathcal{C}[a, b], \text{ for every } p \geq 1 \text{ and } p = \infty.$

Proof. Check any measure theory text. ✓

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2 Question 2 ✓

Let $\{f_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be the sequence of function in $\mathcal{C}[0, 1]$ given by $f_n(x) = x^n$, $x \in [0, 1]$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Let d_1 and d_∞ be the metric induced by $\|\cdot\|_1$ and $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ as discussed in the previous question, that is, $d_1(f, g) = \|f - g\|_1$ and $d_\infty(f, g) = \|f - g\|_\infty$, $f, g \in \mathcal{C}[0, 1]$. Show that the sequence $d_1(f_n, 0) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ but $d_\infty(f_n, 0)$ does not tends to 0 as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Show that even $\{f_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ has no convergent subsequence in the metric space $(\mathcal{C}[0, 1], d_\infty)$. Can you conclude from the above that $(\mathcal{C}[0, 1], d_\infty)$ is not equivalent to $(\mathcal{C}[0, 1], d_1)$? Show that $(\mathcal{C}[0, 1], d_2)$ is not equivalent to $(\mathcal{C}[0, 1], d_1)$?

Solution. We first show that $f_n := x^n$ converge to 0 in the 1-norm. This is easy to see:

$$\begin{aligned}\|f_n - 0\|_1 &= \int_0^1 |f_n| dx \\ &= \int_0^1 x^n dx \\ &= \frac{1}{n+1} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty\end{aligned}$$

We now show that f_n has no convergent subsequence. For the sake of contradiction, let $\{f_{n_k}\}$ be sequence which converges uniformly (same as convergence in sup norm) to some $f \in C[0, 1]$. To obtain contradiction, we make use of the following fact:

If $f_n : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is a sequence of function which converge to $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ uniformly and $\{x_n\}$ is a sequence in X which converges to $x \in X$ then $\{f_n(x_n)\}$ converges to $f(x)$.

Now, since uniform convergence is stronger than pointwise convergence, using the above fact, we have that

$$f(1) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_{n_k}(1) = 1$$

Also, since $(1 - 1/n)$ converges to 1, we have that

$$f(1) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f_{n_k}(1 - 1/n_k) = \left(1 - \frac{1}{n_k}\right)^{n_k} = \frac{1}{e}$$

It is obvious to see now that that the two metrics are not equivalent. □

3 Question 3 ✓

Let $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ be a normed linear space (in short NLS) and (X, d) be the associated metric, that is, $d(a, b) = \|a - b\|$, $a, b \in X$. Show that a ball $B_d(a, r)$ is always a convex subset of X .

Solution. It suffices to show that $B(0, 1)$ is convex because every other ball is just this (modulo translations and dilations). We proceed to show that $B(0, 1)$ is convex. Let $x, y \in B(0, 1)$. Then we have that for $t \in [0, 1]$,

$$\begin{aligned}\|tx + (1 - t)y\| &= t\|x\| + (1 - t)\|y\| \\ &< t + (1 - t) \\ &= 1\end{aligned}$$

And we're done. □

4 Question 4 ✓

Let $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ be a normed linear space and Y be a proper subspace of X . Show that Y° , the set of interior point of Y , is empty.

Solution. Let Y be proper subspace of a normed linear space X . Suppose that the interior of Y was nonempty. Then there exists $y \in Y$ and $r > 0$ such that $B(y, r) \subset Y$. Since Y is a subspace, we have that $B(0, r) \subset Y$. We now show that $X \subset Y$ which would contradict that Y is a proper subspace of X .

Let $x \in X \setminus \{0\}$. Then note that $\frac{r}{2} \frac{x}{\|x\|} \in B(0, r)$ and hence $\frac{r}{2} \frac{x}{\|x\|} \in Y$. But then we have that $x \in Y$ because any Y is a subspace and hence

$$x = \frac{2\|x\|}{r} \left(\frac{r}{2} \frac{x}{\|x\|} \right) \in Y$$

And we're done. □

5 Question 5 ✓

Let X be a finite-dimensional normed linear space and Y be any normed linear space. If $T : X \rightarrow Y$ is a linear transformation then show that T is continuous.

Solution. Let $\mathcal{J} : (X, \|\cdot\|) \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}^n, \|\cdot\|_2)$ be an isometric isomorphism (such a thing exists provided X is finite dimensional!). Let $T : (\mathbb{C}^n, \|\cdot\|_2) \rightarrow (Y, \|\cdot\|_Y)$ be any linear transformation. Consider the following:

$$\begin{aligned}\|Tx\|_Y &= \left\| T \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i e_i \right) \right\| \\ &= \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n x_i T e_i \right\| \\ &\leq \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \|T e_i\|^2} \|x\|_2\end{aligned}$$

This shows that T is continuous. Hence $T \circ \mathcal{J} : (X, \|\cdot\|_X) \rightarrow (Y, \|\cdot\|_Y)$ is continuous. \square

6 Question 6

Let X be a finite-dimensional normed linear space and $E \subset X$. Show that E is compact if and only if E is closed and bounded subset of X .

Solution. Let X be n dimensional normed linear space with the norm $\|\cdot\|_1$. We can also give an inner product structure X in the following way: Fix a basis $\{v_i : i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}\}$ of X and we define an inner product:

$$\left\langle \sum_{i=1}^n x_i v_i, \sum_{i=1}^n y_i v_i \right\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \overline{y_i} \quad (6.0.1)$$

Since every finite dimensional inner product space is isometrically isomorphic to \mathbb{C}^n with the 2-norm, we have that X with the norm induced by the inner product defined in Equation 6.0.1 is isometrically isomorphic with \mathbb{C}^n with the 2-norm. Let's call this norm induced by the inner product by $\|\cdot\|_2$. Let $T : (X, \|\cdot\|_2) \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}^n, \|\cdot\|_2)$ be an isometric isomorphism.

We claim that in $(X, \|\cdot\|_2)$, E is compact iff E is closed and bounded. Since in every metric space, we have that compact subsets are closed and bounded, we need to check only one direction. To do so, let E be closed and bounded subset of X . Then $T(E)$ is closed and bounded because T is an isometric isomorphism (and hence it is a homeomorphism and preserves length). Since $T(E)$ is a closed and bounded subset of \mathbb{C}^n , we have that $T(E)$ is compact. Since T is a homeomorphism, $E = T^{-1}(T(E))$ is compact. This completes the proof of the claim.

Now, every norm on finite dimensional vector space is equivalent, so, the topology generated by 1-norm is the same as the topology generated by the 2-norm. So, we have that following:

$$\begin{aligned} E \text{ is compact in } (X, \|\cdot\|_1) &\Leftrightarrow E \text{ is compact in } (X, \|\cdot\|_2) && \text{topologies are the same!} \\ &\Leftrightarrow E \text{ is closed and bounded in } (X, \|\cdot\|_2) && \text{by the above claim} \\ &\stackrel{(\star)}{\Leftrightarrow} E \text{ is closed and bounded in } (X, \|\cdot\|_1) && \text{topologies are the same!} \end{aligned}$$

Observe that in (\star) , closed is a topological property but not boundedness. But boundness is due to definition of equivalence of norms. This completes the proof. \square

7 Question 7

Let X be a vector space and $\|\cdot\|_1$ and $\|\cdot\|_2$ are two norms on X . Let τ_1 and τ_2 be the topology (that is the collection of all open set) associated to the normed spaces $(X, \|\cdot\|_1)$ and $(X, \|\cdot\|_2)$ respectively. Show that $\|\cdot\|_1$ and $\|\cdot\|_2$ are two equivalent norms on X if and only if $\tau_1 = \tau_2$.

Solution. Let $\|\cdot\|_1$ and $\|\cdot\|_2$ be two norms on X and let τ_1 and τ_2 be the respective topologies generated by $\|\cdot\|_1$ and $\|\cdot\|_2$.

(\implies) Suppose that $\|\cdot\|_1$ and $\|\cdot\|_2$ be equivalent. To show that τ_1 and τ_2 are equivalent, it suffices to show that the basis of the topologies are equivalent, that every basis element of one topology contains a basis element of the other. But this follows immediately from the definition of the equivalent norms.

(\impliedby) Lazy to write this down :(

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8 Question 8

Let X be a normed linear space and $F : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a non zero linear functional. Suppose $F(x_0) \neq 0$ for some $x_0 \in X$. Show that $X = \ker F \oplus \text{span}\{x_0\}$, that is,

$$(i) \ker F \cap \text{span}\{x_0\} = \{0\}.$$

$$(ii) X = \ker F + \text{span}\{x_0\}.$$

Show that F is continuous if and only if $\ker F$ is a closed subspace in X . (Hint : Use the continuity of the projection map $\pi : X \rightarrow X/\ker F$ defined by $\pi(x) = [x]$, $x \in X$.)

Proof. Let X be a normed linear space and $F : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be nonzero linear functional. Since F is nonzero, there must be some $x_0 \in X$ such that $F(x_0) \neq 0$. We now proceed to show that $X = \ker F \oplus \text{span}\{x_0\}$.

We first show that $X = \ker F + \text{span}\{x_0\}$. Let $x \in X$. Then $F(x) \in \mathbb{C}$. Since $F(x_0) \neq 0$. There must be some $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $F(x) = \lambda F(x_0)$. Thus, we have that $F(x - \lambda x_0) = 0$. Thus, $x - \lambda x_0 \in \ker F$. Hence, $x = \lambda x_0 + y$ for some $y \in \ker F$. This shows that $X = \ker F + \text{span}\{x_0\}$.

Now, we proceed to show that $\ker F \cap \text{span}\{x_0\} = \{0\}$. To do so, let $y \in \ker F \cap \text{span}\{x_0\}$. Then we have that $y = \lambda x_0$ for some $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$. Hence, we have that $F(y) = \lambda F(x_0) = 0$. Since $F(x_0) \neq 0$, we have that $\lambda = 0$ and thus, $y = 0$. This completes the proof of the claim.

The above two paragraphs show that $X = \ker F \oplus \text{span}\{x_0\}$.

Now, we proceed to show that F is continuous iff $\ker F$ is a closed subspace of X . Let's begin the proof in the (\Rightarrow) direction. Suppose that F is continuous. Then we have that $\ker F = F^{-1}(\{0\})$ and hence it must be closed.

To show the reverse direction, namely (\Leftarrow) , we first show that the projection map is continuous. First, we observe that for any $x \in X$, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \|[x]\| &= \inf_{y \in \ker F} \|x - y\| && \text{by definition} \\ &\leq \|x\| && 0 \in \ker F \end{aligned}$$

Now, this shows that the projection map $\pi : X \rightarrow X/\ker F$ is bounded and since it is a linear map, it is continuous.

Now, consider the map $\tilde{T} : X/\ker F \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ given by

$$[x] \xrightarrow{\tilde{T}} F(x)$$

We showed that $X = \ker F \oplus \text{span}\{x_0\}$. By the first isomorphism theorem for vector spaces, we have that $X/\ker F \cong \text{span}\{x_0\}$. This shows that $X/\ker F$ is finite dimensional. Since \tilde{T} is linear and $X/\ker F$ is finite dimensional, we have that \tilde{T} is continuous.

Observe that $T = \tilde{T} \circ \pi : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is continuous linear functional by virtue of being composition of two continuous linear maps. This completes the proof. \square

9 Question 9

Let X be a normed linear space and $S = \{x \in X : \|x\| = 1\}$ be the unit sphere in X . Show that X is complete if and only if S is complete.

Solution. (\Rightarrow) Suppose that (V, d) is complete. Then S is complete because S is closed in V .

(\Leftarrow) Suppose that (S, d) is complete. Let $\{x_n\}$ be a Cauchy sequence in V .

We consider two different cases, namely.

- (i) $x_n = 0$ for infinitely many $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and
- (ii) $x_n = 0$ for at most finitely many $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

We consider the first case. Suppose that $x_n = 0$ for infinitely many $n \in \mathbb{N}$. We, therefore, can select a subsequence $\{x_{n_k}\}$ of $\{x_n\}$ such that $x_{n_k} = 0$ for every $k \in \mathbb{N}$. We now show that $\{x_n\}$ converges to 0.

Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given. Then there is some $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\|x_n - x_m\| < \varepsilon \text{ whenever } n, m \geq N.$$

Select $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $n_k \geq N$. Now, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_n\| &= \|x_n - x_{n_k}\| \\ &< \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

This shows that $\{x_n\}$ converges to 0.

We now consider the second case. Suppose that $x_n = 0$ for at most finitely many $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Therefore, there is some $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $x_n \neq 0$ for $n \geq N$. Convergence of sequence depends only on its tail, so, we assume without loss of generality, that $x_n \neq 0$ for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Now, consider the sequence $\{y_n\}$ in S given by

$$y_n = \frac{x_n}{\|x_n\|}$$

for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

We now claim that $\|x_n\|$ converges to some $\lambda \geq 0$. Since $\{x_n\}$ is Cauchy, so, is $\{\|x_n\|\}$. But Cauchy in \mathbb{R} implies convergence, and, hence $\{\|x_n\|\}$ converges to some $\lambda \geq 0$. If $\|x_n\|$ converges to 0 then we have that $\{x_n\}$ converges to 0. And we would be done. So, suppose that $\lambda > 0$. So, by the definition of convergence, there must be some $K \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\|x_n\| > \frac{\lambda}{2}$ for every $n \geq K$.

Consider the following for $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\begin{aligned}
\|y_m - y_n\| &= \left\| \frac{x_m}{\|x_m\|} - \frac{x_n}{\|x_m\|} \right\| \\
&= \left\| \frac{\|x_n\| x_m - \|x_m\| x_n}{\|x_m\| \|x_n\|} \right\| \\
&= \left\| \frac{\|x_n\| x_m - x_m \|x_m\| + \|x_m\| x_m - \|x_m\| x_n}{x_n \|x_m\| \|x_n\|} \right\| \\
&= \left\| \frac{x_m (\|x_n\| - \|x_m\|) + \|x_m\| (x_m - x_n)}{\|x_m\| \|x_n\|} \right\| \\
&\leq \frac{1}{\|x_n\| \|x_m\|} (\|x_m\| |\|x_n\| - \|x_m\|| + \|x_m\| \|x_m - x_n\|) \\
&\leq \frac{2}{\|x_n\|} \|x_n - x_m\|
\end{aligned}$$

Now, let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given. Since $\{x_n\}$ is Cauchy, we have that there is some $M \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\|x_n - x_m\| < \frac{\lambda}{4} \varepsilon \text{ whenever } n, m \geq M.$$

For $m, n \geq \max\{M, K\}$ we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
\|y_m - y_n\| &\leq \frac{2}{\|x_n\|} \|x_n - x_m\| \\
&< \frac{2}{\lambda/2} \frac{\lambda}{4} \varepsilon = \varepsilon
\end{aligned}$$

This shows that $\{y_n\}$ is Cauchy and hence convergent. Since $x_n = y_n \|x_n\|$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and product of two convergent sequences is convergent. We have that $\{x_n\}$ is convergent. \square

10 Question 10

Let X be a normed linear space and $F : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be a continuous, non zero linear functional.

- (a) Show that $N(F) = \sup \left\{ \frac{|F(x)|}{\|x\|} : x \in X, x \neq 0 \right\} < \infty$.
 - (b) Suppose $M = \ker F$ and $x_0 \notin M$. Show that $d(x_0, M) = \frac{|F(x_0)|}{N(F)}$.
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Solution. Since F is continuous, we have that there must be some $M > 0$ such that

$$|F(x)| \leq M \|x\| \text{ for all } x \in X.$$

Thus, we have that

$$\frac{|F(x)|}{\|x\|} \leq M \text{ for all } x \in X.$$

This shows that $N(F) < \infty$.¹

Now, let $M = \ker F$. Observe that by definition of quotient norm, we have that

$$\|[x]\|_{X/M} = \inf_{m \in M} \|x - m\|_M = d(x, M)$$

for every $x \in X$. Therefore, we need to show that $|F(x_0)| = N(F) \|[x_0]\|_{X/M}$. Let $x \in M$ be arbitrary. Then by Question 8, we have that $x = y + \lambda x_0$ for some $y \in \ker F$ and some $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$. In case, $\lambda = 0$, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{|F(x)|}{\|x\|} &= \frac{|F(y)|}{\|y\|} \\ &= 0 \leq \frac{|F(x_0)|}{\|[x_0]\|_{X/M}} \end{aligned}$$

Else if $\lambda \neq 0$, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{|F(x)|}{\|x\|} &= \frac{|F(y + \lambda x_0)|}{\|\lambda x_0 + y\|} \\ &= \frac{|F(x_0)|}{\|x_0 + \frac{1}{\lambda} y\|} \leq \frac{|F(x_0)|}{\|[x_0]\|_{X/M}} \end{aligned}$$

Since $x \in X$ was arbitrary, taking supremum, we have

$$N(F) \leq \frac{|F(x_0)|}{\|[x_0]\|_{X/M}} \rightsquigarrow N(F) \|x_0\|_{X/M} \leq |F(x_0)|. \quad (10.0.1)$$

¹One can easily check that $N(F)$ is $\|F\|_{X^*}$ in disguise!

To prove the reverse inequality, observe that if $y \in M$ then

$$\frac{|F(x_0)|}{\|x_0 - m\|} \leq N(F) \rightsquigarrow \frac{|F(x_0)|}{N(F)} \leq \|x_0 - m\|.$$

Since m is arbitrary, we have that

$$\frac{|F(x_0)|}{N(F)} \leq \|[x_0]\|_{X/M} \rightsquigarrow |F(x_0)| \leq N(F) \|[x_0]\|_{X/M}. \quad (10.0.2)$$

Combining 10.0.1 and 10.0.2, we have what we wanted. □

11 Question 11

Let X be a finite dimensional normed linear space and M be a proper closed subspace of X . Show that the unit sphere $S := \{x : \|x\| = 1\}$ on X is compact. Use this to show that there exist a unit vector x such that $\text{dist}(x, M) = 1$. This need not to be true if X is infinite dimensional. Show that the choice

$$X = \{f \in C[0, 1] : f(0) = 0\}$$

$$M = \{f \in X : \int_0^1 f = 0\}$$

provides a counter example. (This also shows that in F. Riesz's Lemma the constant t can not be taken to be equal to 1 in general.)

Proof. Note that S is compact in view of Question 6. Consider the map $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ given by

$$x \mapsto d(x, M)$$

Since we have $|d(x, M) - d(y, M)| \leq d(x, y)$, f is continuous. We now show that $\sup f(S) = 1$. Let $x \in S$. Then we have that

$$\begin{aligned} d(x, M) &= \inf_{y \in M} \|x - y\| \\ &\leq \|x\| = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $\sup f(S) \leq 1$. Now, let $\varepsilon > 0$ be arbitrary. Then by F. Riesz lemma, there exists a vector $x_0 \in M$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - \varepsilon < \|y - x_0\| \text{ for all } y \in M &\rightsquigarrow 1 - \varepsilon \leq \inf_{y \in M} \|y - x_0\| = d(x_0, M) \\ &\rightsquigarrow 1 \leq \sup f(S) + \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

Since $\varepsilon > 0$ is arbitrary, we have that $\sup f(S) \geq 1$. This shows that $\sup f(S) = 1$.

Now, continuous functions on compact sets achieve their supremum, therefore, there must be some vector $x \in S$ such that $f(x) = d(x, M) = 1$.

Now, we move on to the next part of the question. Consider the following sets:

$$X = \{f \in C[0, 1] : f(0) = 0\}$$

$$M = \left\{f \in X : \int_0^1 f = 0\right\}$$

We need to show that there is no vector $f \in X$ whose $\|f\|_\infty = 1$ but $d(f, M) = 1$. □