Solutions to Functional Analysis Assignment 2

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1 Question 1 ✓

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

(i) $|\displaystyle\int f(x)g(x)dx| \leqslant \|f\|_p \|g\|_q, \;\; f, g \in \mathscr{C}[a,b], p > 1$ and $1/p + 1/q = 1$.

(ii) $|\displaystyle\int f(x)g(x)dx| \leqslant \|f\|_1 \|g\|_\infty, \;\; f, g \in \mathscr{C}[a,b]$.

(iii) $\|f+g\|_p \leqslant \|f\|_p + \|g\|_p, \;\; f, g \in \mathscr{C}[a,b]$, for every $p \geqslant 1$ and $p = \infty$.

Proof. Check any measure theory text. ✓ □

2 Question 2 ✓

Let $\{f_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ be the sequence of function in $\mathscr{C}[0,1]$ 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, $d_1(f,g) = \|f-g\|_p$ and $d_\infty(f,g) = \|f-g\|_\infty$, $f,g \in \mathscr{C}[0,1]$. Show that the sequence $d_1(f_n,0) \to 0$ as $n \to \infty$ but $d_\infty(f_n,0)$ does not tends to 0 as $n \to \infty$. Show that even $\{f_n\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ has no convergent subsequence in the metric space $(\mathscr{C}[0,1], d_\infty)$. Can you conclude from the above that $(\mathscr{C}[0,1], d_\infty)$ is not equivalent to $(\mathscr{C}[0,1], d_1)$? Show that $(\mathscr{C}[0,1], d_2)$ is not equivalent to $(\mathscr{C}[0,1], d_1)$?

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

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

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 $f_n : X \to \mathbb{C}$ is a sequence of function which converge to $f : X \to \mathbb{C}$ 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

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

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

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

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 $T : X \to Y$ is a linear transformation then show that T is continuous.

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

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

This shows that T is continuous. Hence $T \circ \mathfrak{I} : (X, \|\|_X) \to (Y, \|\|_Y)$ is continuous. $\square$