

Functional Analysis and PDE

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Chapter 1

Introduction

Functional Analysis is the analysis on infinite dimensional spaces. Applications of FA are in geometry and topology, probability theory, numerical analysis mathematical physics, and PDEs.

Example.

$C^2(U)$, $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ is the set of functions which are 2 times differentiable and have a bounded derivative. U should be a bounded, open set. Consider $f \rightarrow 0$ on ∂U and

$$\Delta = \sum_{j=1}^n \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial u_j} \right)^2.$$

Fix $f \in C(U)$ and look for a solution $u \in C^2(U)$, s.t.

$$\Delta u = f, \quad u = \delta^{-1} f.$$

What is the inverse operator δ^{-1} in this case? That's what we need to study here.

Program of the lecture

- Structures: We need to define *Topologies*, *Metrics*, *Norms* and *Scalarproducts* on infinite-dimensional spaces
- We introduce *Functional Spaces* as infinite-dimensional vector spaces of functions
- We need to talk about *Linear Operators* to be able to talk about their inverse (see ??)

Chapter 2

Structures

We consider *convergence*. We have already seen

$$x_n \rightarrow x \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists n_0 \forall n > n_0 : x_n \in (x - \varepsilon, x + \varepsilon)$$

In order to do so, we need the definition of a neighbourhood (topology), distances (metric), the length of a vector (norm, Banach spaces), the length and angles (scalar product, Hilbert spaces).

All vector spaces we consider should base on $\mathbb{K} \in \{\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}\}$!

2.1 Topological spaces

Let X be a set, let 2^X the set of all possible subsets of X (including the empty set).

Definition 2.1 (Topology). A Topology \mathcal{T} on the set X is a family of subsets of X , that means

$$\mathcal{T} \subseteq 2^X,$$

satisfying

T1 $\emptyset, X \in \mathcal{T}$

T2 Stability under finite intersection:

$$\forall A, B \in \mathcal{T} : A \cap B \in \mathcal{T}$$

T3 Stability under any possible union: Let \mathcal{I} be some set of indices (may not be countable). Then

$$\forall \{A_i\}_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \subseteq \mathcal{T} : \bigcup_{i \in \mathcal{I}} A_i \in \mathcal{T}$$

Any subset $A \subset X$ is called an *open set*, if $A \in \mathcal{T}$. Else it is called a *closed set*.

(X, \mathcal{T}) is called a *topological space*!

Remark 2.2. Note that

$$\left(\bigcup_{i \in \mathcal{I}} A_i \right)^c = \bigcap_{i \in \mathcal{I}} A_i^c$$

for all families of open sets $\{A_i\}_{i \in \mathcal{I}}$ and each index-set \mathcal{I} .

Definition 2.3 (Coarser / finer topologies). Let $\mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2$ be two topologies on X with $\mathcal{T}_1 \subset \mathcal{T}_2$, then we say that

- \mathcal{T}_1 is *coarser* / *weaker* than \mathcal{T}_2
- \mathcal{T}_2 is *finer* / *stronger* than \mathcal{T}_1

Example.

a) $\mathcal{T} = 2^X$ is a topology on $X \Rightarrow 2^X$ is the strongest (finest) topology on X .

Also $\mathcal{T} = \{\emptyset, X\}$ is a topology on $X \Rightarrow$ any topology \mathcal{T}' needs to contain \emptyset and X , so $\mathcal{T} \subset \mathcal{T}'$. This means that \mathcal{T} is the weakest / coarsest topology on X

b) On \mathbb{R} there is a standard topology \mathcal{T}_{st} :

$$V \in \mathcal{T}_{st} \text{ iff } \forall x \in V \exists \varepsilon > 0 : (x - \varepsilon, x + \varepsilon) \subset V$$

c) relative topology: Let $A \subset X$, let \mathcal{T} be a topology on X . Then

$$\mathcal{T}_A \{A \cup V : V \in \mathcal{T}\}$$

- d) Intersection of topologies: Let \mathcal{I} an index set (may be uncountable), let $(\mathcal{T}_i)_{i \in \mathcal{I}}$ be a family of topologies on X . Then we can define

$$\bigcap_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \mathcal{T}_i$$

and this is again a topology on X !

- e) Product topology: Let (X, \mathcal{T}_X) and (Y, \mathcal{T}_Y) two topological spaces. Let

$$\mathcal{S} = \{(V, X) \mid V \in \mathcal{T}_X\} \cup \{(X, W) \mid W \in \mathcal{T}_Y\}.$$

The product topology on $X \times Y$ is the coarsest (weakest) topology on $X \times Y$, that contains \mathcal{S} . In particular it must contain all sets of the form $U \times V$ for $U \in \mathcal{T}_X, V \in \mathcal{T}_Y$.

Remark 2.4. If nothing else is said, we consider the standard topology \mathcal{T}_{st} on \mathbb{R} !

Definition 2.5 (Closure / boundary of a set). Let (X, \mathcal{T}) topological space, $A \subseteq X$.

The *interior* of A , A° is the largest open set inside

$$A = \bigcup_{V \in \mathcal{T}, V \subseteq A} V \text{ (open).}$$

The *closure* of A , \bar{A} is the smallest closed set containing

$$A = \bigcup_{V \text{ s.t. } V^c \in \mathcal{T}, V \supseteq A} V \text{ (closed).}$$

The *boundary* of A is given by

$$\partial A = \bar{A} \setminus A^\circ = \bar{A} \cap \underbrace{(X \setminus A^\circ)}_{(A^c)^c} \text{ (closed).}$$

Definition 2.6 (dense set / separable set). (X, \mathcal{T}) topological space in X . Then

- $A \subseteq X$ is called *dense in X* , if $\bar{A} = X$
- X is called *separable*, if there is a countable dense subset of X

Definition 2.7 (open neighbourhood). (X, \mathcal{T}) topological space, $x \in X$. A subset $V \subseteq X$ is called an open neighbourhood of x , if $V \in \mathcal{T}$ and $x \in V$.

Definition 2.8 (Convergence in topology). Let (\mathcal{T}, X) topological space. A sequence $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, i.e. a map

$$\begin{aligned} x : \mathbb{N} &\rightarrow X \\ n &\rightarrow x_n, \end{aligned}$$

converges to $x^* \in X$, if

$$\forall V \text{ open neighbourhood of } x^* : \{n \mid x_n \in V^c\} \text{ is finite}$$

(i.e. there is just a finite number of elements that's not contained in V). Then we say that x^* is a limit point for the sequence x_n .

Example.

- a) Let \mathcal{T} the standard topology on \mathbb{R} . Then the definition of converges equals the ε - δ -Definition of convergence in Analysis 3.
- b) If $\mathcal{T} = 2^X$, then $x_n \rightarrow x^*$ iff x_n is constant up to a finite number of terms: As we have $\mathcal{T} = 2^X$ especially the set $V = \{x^*\}$ is open. This set gives us the result.
- c) If $\mathcal{T} = \{\emptyset, X\}$, then every sequence is convergent! Every point $x^* \in X$ is a limit point.

Definition 2.9 (Hausdorff space). Let (X, \mathcal{T}) topological space. It is called a Hausdorff space, if

$$\forall x, y \in X, x \neq y \exists U_x, U_y \in \mathcal{T} \text{ s.t. } x \in U_x, y \in U_y \text{ and } U_x \cap U_y = \emptyset.$$

Proposition 2.10 (Limits in Hausdorff spaces are unique)

If (X, \mathcal{T}) is a Hausdorff space, then every sequence has at most one limit, so either the sequence has no limit or it is unique!

PROOF. Proof can be done by contradiction. ■

Definition 2.11 (Connectedness). A topological space (X, \mathcal{T}) is *connected*, if we cannot write it as a union of 2 disjoint(!) (nonempty) open sets. So, if X is connected and $V \in \mathcal{T}$ is an open set, there is no $\emptyset \neq W \in \mathcal{T}$ with $V \cap W = \emptyset$ and $V \cup W = X$.

$A \subseteq X$ is *connected*, if A is connected in \mathcal{T}_A .

Definition 2.12 (Continuity). Let $(X, \mathcal{T}_X), (Y, \mathcal{T}_Y)$ topological spaces, $f : X \rightarrow Y$. f is called *continuous*, if

$$\forall V \in \mathcal{T}_Y : f^{-1}(V) \in \mathcal{T}_X.$$

f is *continuous at a point* $x \in X$, if

$\forall V$ open neighbourhoods of $f(x) \exists U$ open neighbourhood of x in \mathcal{T}_X , s.t. $f(U) \subset V$ ($U \subset f^{-1}(V)$). f is a *homeomorphism* if f is bijective, and f, f^{-1} are continuous.

Remark 2.13. It holds that

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}(A \cup B) &= f^{-1}(A) \cup f^{-1}(B) \\ f^{-1}(A \cap B) &= f^{-1}(A) \cap f^{-1}(B) \\ f^{-1}(Y \setminus A) &= X \setminus f^{-1}(A) \end{aligned}$$

It is also valid that if

$$f_1 : (X, \mathcal{T}_X) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{T}_Y), \quad f_2 : (Y, \mathcal{T}_Y) \rightarrow (X, \mathcal{T}_X)$$

and both are continuous, then $f_2 \circ f_1$ is also continuous!

Moreover

$$f \text{ continuous} \Leftrightarrow f \text{ continuous at every } x \in X$$

Example.

a) Let $\mathcal{T} = 2^X$, $f : X \rightarrow Y$, let \mathcal{T}_Y continuous. Any function is then continuous:

$$\forall V \in \mathcal{T}_Y : f^{-1}(V) \in 2^X = \mathcal{T}_X \Rightarrow \text{continuous!}$$

b) Let now $\mathcal{T}_X = \{\emptyset, X\}$, then the constant function $f(x) = y^*, \forall x \in X$ is continuous:

$$\forall V \in \mathcal{T}_Y : f^{-1}(V) = \begin{cases} X & \text{if } y^* \in V \\ \emptyset & \text{if } y^* \notin V \end{cases}$$

c) If $\mathcal{T}_X = \{\emptyset, X\}$, and Y is Hausdorff, then the *emphonly* continuous function is the constant function! (Exercise!)

We may consider the following: Let $f : (X, \mathcal{T}_X) \rightarrow (Y, \mathcal{T}_Y)$ and $A \subset X$. Then we can define the restriction $f|_A : A \rightarrow Y$. That's why we also need a topology on A (that is the induced topology). If f was continuous, then $f|_A$ is also continuous as a function mapping between (A, \mathcal{T}_A) and (Y, \mathcal{T}_Y) .

Theorem 2.14 (Intermediate value theorem)

Let (X, \mathcal{T}) a connected topological space, $f : (X, \mathcal{T}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ (on \mathbb{R} we consider the standard topology), and let f be continuous. Assume there is $x, y \in X$ s.t. $f(x) < 0 < f(y)$. Then there exists a $z \in X$ s.t. $f(z) = 0$.

PROOF. Assume that $f(z) \neq 0, \forall z \in X$. This would mean that $0 \notin f(X)$. Consider $V = (0, \infty)$, which is open in \mathcal{T}_{st} . Then $f^{-1}(V)$ is open (as f is continuous) and is nonempty. We can take the complement of this set: $X = f^{-1}(V) \cup [f^{-1}(V)]^c$, and

$$[f^{-1}(V)]^c = f^{-1}(V^c) = f^{-1}((-\infty, 0)) = f^{-1}\left(\underbrace{(-\infty, 0)}_{\text{open}}\right)$$

is an open and nonempty set. As the space X is connected, this is not possible!

\Rightarrow There must be $z \in X : f(z) = 0$. ■

2.2 Metric spaces

Definition 2.15 (Metric). A function $d : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$, $(x, y) \mapsto d(x, y)$ is called a *metric*, if

- M1) $d(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y$ (Non-negativity)
- M2) $d(x, y) = d(y, x), \forall x, y \in X$ (Symmetry)
- M3) $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y), \forall x, y, z \in X$ (Triangle inequality)

If d is a metric on X , then the pair (X, d) is called a *metric space*.

Definition 2.16 (Semimetric). The map $d : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is called a *semi-metric*, if

- M2) $d(x, y) = d(y, x), \forall x, y \in X$ (Symmetry)
- M3) $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y), \forall x, y, z \in X$ (Triangle inequality)

The non-negativity (which would make d a metric) is not satisfied!

A semimetric d can be extended to a metric as follows:

Take equivalence relation $x \tilde{y}$, if $d(x, y) = 0$, and then take $\tilde{X} = X_{\sim}$, so

$$[x] \in \tilde{X} \Rightarrow [x] := \{z \in X \mid z \tilde{x}\} = \{z \in X \mid d(x, z) = 0\}.$$

Set then

$$\tilde{d} : \tilde{X} \times \tilde{X} \rightarrow [0, \infty), \quad \tilde{d}([x], [y]) = d(x, y).$$

Check, that \tilde{d} is a metric on \tilde{X} !

Example.

a) On $X = \mathbb{R}^n$, the map $d_\infty(x, y) := \max_{j=1, \dots, n} |x_j - y_j|$ is a metric.

b) On $X = \mathbb{R}^n$ define for $1 \leq p < \infty$:

$$d_p(x, y) := \left[\sum_{j=1}^n |x_j - y_j|^p \right]^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

is a metric on X , for $p = 2$ it is the euclidean metric.

c) Let $X = \ell_\infty := \{a : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid \text{bounded sequence}\}$. On this space we can define a metric by

$$d_\infty(a, b) := \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} |a_j - b_j|.$$

This metric is well-defined as all sequences in ℓ_∞ are bounded!

d) On

$$\ell_p := \{a : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |a_j|^p < \infty\}$$

we can define a metric by

$$d_p(a, b) := \left[\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |a_j - b_j|^p \right]^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

This expression is finite since we take sequences in ℓ_p .

e) Pull-back metric: Let $X, (Y, \mathcal{T}_Y)$ given, $f : X \rightarrow Y$ injective. Then

$$d_X(x, y) := d_Y(f(x), f(y))$$

is a metric on X .

Exercise: Show that d_x is a metric iff f is injective and d_Y is a metric!

f) Let $X = \mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty\} \cup \{+\infty\}$, and $Y = [-1, 1]$ with the standard metric $d_Y(y_1, y_2) = |y_1 - y_2|$. Let now $f : X \rightarrow Y$ given by

$$f(x) := \begin{cases} -1 & x = -\infty \\ \frac{x}{1+|x|} & x \in \mathbb{R} \\ 1 & x = +\infty \end{cases}$$

Then we have that d_x

Some definitions

Definition 2.17. Let (X, d) metric space, $A, B \subset X$. The *diameter* of A is defined as

$$\text{diam}(A) := \sup_{x, y \in A} d(x, y).$$

The *distance between two sets* is defined as

$$\text{dist}(A, B) := \inf_{x \in A, y \in B} d(x, y),$$

and the *distance between a set and a point* is defined as

$$\text{dist}(x, A) := \inf_{y \in A} d(x, y).$$

A *Neighbourhood of a set* A is given by

$$B_r(A) := \{y \in X : d(y, A) < r\}.$$

A *Ball of radius r centered at x* is given by

$$B(x, r) := \{y \in X : d(y, x) < r\}.$$

Proposition 2.18 (Topology induced by a metric)

Let (X, d) metric space. Define $\mathcal{T}_d \subset 2^X$ as

$$\mathcal{T}_d := \{V \in 2^X \mid \forall x \in V \exists \varepsilon > 0 : B(x, \varepsilon) \subset V\}.$$

Then, \mathcal{T}_d is a topology on X and (X, \mathcal{T}_d) is a Hausdorff-space.

PROOF. \mathcal{T}_d is a topology (easy exercise).

Let $x \neq y, x, y \in X$. We need to show that there are $U_x, U_y \in \mathcal{T}_d$ s.t. $x \in U_x, y \in U_y$ and $U_x \cap U_y = \emptyset$.

Try with $U_x = B(x, \varepsilon_1), U_y = B(y, \varepsilon_2)$. What is unknown up till now are the values of $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2$. Define $z \in U_x \cap U_y$. This point exists, iff $d(z, x) < \varepsilon_1$ and $d(z, y) < \varepsilon_2$. This means

$$d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y) < \varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2.$$

If $\varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2 < d(x, y)$ then $U_x \cap U_y = \emptyset$. This is always possible as we can choose $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2$ so small, that the sum of them is smaller than $d(x, y)$.

Are those balls open in sense of the topology \mathcal{T}_d ?

It can be checked, that every ball $B(x, r) \in \mathcal{T}_d$ (is open in \mathcal{T}_d). ■

Definition 2.19. $B(x, r)$ is called an *open ball of radius r centered in x* . A *closed ball of radius r centered in x* is given by

$$\bar{B}(x, r) := \{y \in X \mid d(x, y) \leq r\}.$$

The *closure of an open ball $B(x, r)$* is defined as

$$\overline{B(x, r)} = \text{smallest open set (in the topol.) containing the ball.}$$

In general $\overline{B(x, r)} \subseteq \bar{B}(x, r)$.

Example.

Let $X = \{0, 1\}$ and

$$d(x, y) := \begin{cases} 1 & x \neq y \\ 0 & x = y \end{cases}$$

Then $B(0, 1) = \{z \in X \mid d(0, z) < 1\} = \{0\}$ and

$$[B(0, 1)]^c = \{1\} = B(1, 1).$$

So $B(0, 1)$ is open and $B(0, 1)^c$ is also open. But $B(0, 1)^c$ is the complement of an open set, so it has to be closed as well. Therefore $B(0, 1)$ is open and closed at the same time. One sees easily

$$\overline{B(0, 1)} = \{0\}, \quad \bar{B}(0, 1) = \{0, 1\}.$$

Whenever we have a metric space, we can make it a topological space. When does the opposite hold? This property is called *Metrizability* of a topological space

Definition 2.20. A topological space (X, \mathcal{T}) s.t. $d : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ s.t. (X, d) is a metric space, and $\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{T}_d$, then the topological space (X, \mathcal{T}) is called *metrizable*.

Remark 2.21. Not all Hausdorff spaces are metrizable!

Remark 2.22. In a Hausdorff-space (X, \mathcal{T}_d) every convergent sequence has a unique limit.

Proposition 2.23

(X, d) metric space (hence (X, \mathcal{T}_d) is Hausdorff-space). Let $x : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow X$ a sequence in X . The following are equal

1.

$$(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \text{ converges to } x^* \in X \text{ in sense of } (X, \mathcal{T}_d)$$

2.

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists k_0 \geq 0 : \forall k \geq k_0 \ x_k \in \underbrace{B(x^*, \varepsilon)}_{d(x^*, x_k) < \varepsilon}$$

PROOF. For all V open neighbourhood of x^* all but a finite number of x_k are in V .

$$\exists k_0 > 0 \forall k \geq k_0 x_k \in V \text{ iff } V = \text{ball}.$$

For the other direction: V is open neighbourhood of x^* . So there exists $\varepsilon > 0$ s.t.

$$B(x^*, \varepsilon) \subset V.$$