

Basic Exam (S04)

In several problems you will need the usual “norm” terminology. If V is a real vector space, then a norm on V is a map $\| \cdot \| : V \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ such that $\|v + w\| \leq \|v\| + \|w\|$, $\|cv\| = |c|\|v\|$, and $\|v\| = 0$ if and only if $v = 0$. Each norm determines a metric d on V via the relation $d(v, w) = \|v - w\|$. The Euclidean norm (also called the “inner product” norm) on \mathbb{R}^n is given by

$$\left\| \sum_{k=1}^n x_k e_k \right\|_2 = \left[\sum_{k=1}^n |x_k|^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

where e_k is the usual vector basis. Given a linear transformation $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ we define

$$\|T\| = \sup\{\|T(x)\|_2 : \|x\|_2 \leq 1\}$$

For all x , $\|T(x)\| \leq \|T\|\|x\|$.

1. Let \mathcal{S} denote the set of sequences $a = (a_1, a_2, \dots)$, with $a_k = 0$ or 1 . Show that the mapping $\theta : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$$\theta((a_1, a_2, \dots)) = \frac{a_1}{10} + \frac{a_2}{10^2} + \dots$$

is an injection. Include an explanation of why the infinite series converges. Hint: if $a \neq b$, you may assume that

$$\begin{aligned} a &= (a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}, 0, a_{n+1}, \dots) \\ b &= (a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}, 1, b_{n+1}, \dots) \end{aligned}$$

2. Is $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ uniformly continuous on $[0, \infty)$? Prove your assertion.
3. a) Carefully define when a function f on $[0, 1]$ is Riemann integrable.
b) Show that if f_n are Riemann integrable functions on $[0, 1]$ and f_n converges to f uniformly, then f is Riemann integrable.
4. Are there infinite compact subsets of \mathbb{Q} ? Prove your assertion.
5. Suppose that G is an open set in \mathbb{R}^n , $f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is a function, and that $x_0 \in G$.
a) Carefully define what is meant by $f'(x_0) : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$.
b) Suppose that I is a line segment in G such that $f'(x)$ is defined for all $x \in I$. Show that if f is differentiable at all the points of I , then for some point c in I

$$\|f(q) - f(p)\|_2 \leq \|f'(c)\| \|q - p\|_2$$

let w be a unit vector with $\|f(q) - f(p)\|_2 = |f(q) - f(p)| \cdot u$

6. Let $\|\cdot\|$ be any norm on \mathbb{R}^n .

a) Prove that there exists a constant d with $\|x\| \leq d\|x\|_2$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, and use this to show that $N(x) = \|x\|$ is continuous in the usual topology on \mathbb{R}^n .

b) Prove that there exists a constant c with $\|x\| \geq c\|x\|_2$ (Hint: use the fact that N is continuous on the sphere $\{x : \|x\|_2 = 1\}$).

c) Show that if L is an n -dimensional subspace of an arbitrary normed vector space V , then L is closed.

7. Let V be a finite dimensional real vector space. Let $W_1, W_2 \subset V$ be subspaces. Show both of the following:

a) $W_1^0 \cap W_2^0 = (W_1 + W_2)^0$

b) $(W_1 \cap W_2)^0 = W_1^0 + W_2^0$

[Note: W_i^0 is the annihilator of W_i .]

8. Let $T : \mathbf{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^3$ be a rotation about the axis $(1, 0, -1)$ by an angle of 30° (you can use either orientation).

a) Find the matrix representation $A \in M_3(\mathbf{R})$ of T in the standard basis. (You do not have to multiply out matrices but must evaluate inverses.)

b) Find all the eigenvalues of $A \in M_3(\mathbf{R})$.

c) Find all the eigenvalues of $A \in M_3(\mathbf{C})$.

9. Let V be a finite dimensional real inner product space under (\cdot, \cdot) and $T : V \rightarrow V$ a linear operator. Show the following are equivalent:

a) $(Tx, Ty) = (x, y)$ for all $x, y \in V$.

b) $\|T(x)\| = \|x\|$ for all $x \in V$.

c) $T^*T = Id_V$, where T^* is the adjoint of T .

d) $TT^* = Id_V$.

10. Let T be a real symmetric matrix. Show that T is similar to a diagonal matrix.

[You cannot use the Spectral Theorem.]