# **Problem Set 7**

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# 1 Problem 1

#### 1.1 Part a

We want to show that  $\ell^2(\mathbb{N})$  is complete, so let  $\{x_n\} \subseteq \ell^2(\mathbb{N})$  be a Cauchy sequence, so  $\|x^j - x^k\|_{\ell^2} \to 0$ . We want to produce some  $\mathbf{x} := \lim_{n \to \infty} x^n$  such that  $x \in \ell^2$ .

To this end, for each fixed index i, define

$$\mathbf{x}_i \coloneqq \lim_{n \to \infty} x_i^n.$$

This is well-defined since  $\|x^j - x^k\|_{\ell^2} = \sum_i \left|x_i^j - x_i^k\right|^2 \to 0$ , and since this is a sum of positive real numbers that approaches zero, each term must approach zero. But then for a fixed i, the sequence  $\left|x_i^j - x_i^k\right|^2$  is a Cauchy sequence of real numbers which necessarily converges in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

We also have  $\|\mathbf{x} - x^j\|_{\ell^2} \to 0$  since

$$\|\mathbf{x} - x^j\|_{\ell^2} = \|\lim_{k \to \infty} x^k - x^j\|_{\ell^2} = \lim_{k \to \infty} \|x^k - x^j\|_{\ell^2} \to 0$$

where the limit can be passed through the norm because the map  $t \mapsto ||t||_{\ell^2}$  is continuous. So  $x^j \to \mathbf{x}$  in  $\ell^2$  as well.

It remains to show that  $\mathbf{x} \in \ell^2(\mathbb{N})$ , i.e. that  $\sum_i |\mathbf{x}_i|^2 < \infty$ . To this end, we write

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_{\ell^{2}} = \|\mathbf{x} - x^{j} + x^{j}\|_{\ell^{2}}$$

$$\leq \|\mathbf{x} - x^{j}\|_{\ell^{2}} + \|x^{j}\|_{\ell^{2}}$$

$$\to M < \infty,$$

where  $\|\mathbf{x}_i - x^j\|_{\ell^2} \to 0$  and the second sum is finite because  $x^j \in \ell^2 \iff \|x^j\|_{\ell^2} \coloneqq M < \infty$ .

# 1.2 Part b

Let H be a Hilbert space with inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  and induced norm  $\| \cdot \|$ .

**Lemma**: For any complex number z, we have

$$\Im(z) = \Re(-iz),$$

and as a corollary, we have

$$\Re(\langle x, iy \rangle) = \Re(-i\langle x, y \rangle) = \Im(\langle x, y \rangle).$$

We can compute the following:

$$||x + y||^{2} = ||x||^{2} + ||y||^{2} + 2 \Re(\langle x, y \rangle)$$

$$||x - y||^{2} = ||x||^{2} + ||y||^{2} - 2 \Re(\langle x, y \rangle)$$

$$||x + iy||^{2} = ||x||^{2} + ||y||^{2} + 2 \Re(\langle x, iy \rangle)$$

$$= ||x||^{2} + ||y||^{2} + \Im(\langle x, y \rangle)$$

$$||x - iy||^{2} = ||x||^{2} + ||y||^{2} - 2 \Re(\langle x, iy \rangle)$$

$$= ||x||^{2} + ||y||^{2} + \Im(\langle x, y \rangle)$$

and summing these all

$$||x + y||^2 - ||x - y||^2 + i||x + iy||^2 - i||x + iy|| = 4 \Re(\langle x, y \rangle) + 4i \Im(\langle x, y \rangle)$$

$$= 4\langle x, y \rangle$$

To conclude that a linear map U is an isometry iff U is unitary, if we assume U is unitary then we can write

$$||x||^2 := \langle x, x \rangle = \langle Ux, Ux \rangle := ||Ux||^2.$$

Assuming now that U is an isometry, by the polarization identity we can write

$$\langle Ux, \ Uy \rangle = \frac{1}{4} \left( \|Ux + Uy\|^2 + \|Ux - Uy\|^2 + i\|Ux + Uy\|^2 - i\|Ux + Uy\|^2 \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left( \|U(x+y)\|^2 + \|U(x-y)\|^2 + i\|U(x+y)\|^2 - i\|U(x+y)\|^2 \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left( \|x + y\|^2 + \|x - y\|^2 + i\|x + y\|^2 - i\|x + y\|^2 \right)$$

$$= \langle x, \ y \rangle.$$

# 2 Problem 2

Lemma: The map  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : H \times H \to \mathbb{R}$  is continuous.

Proof:

Let  $x_n \to x$  and  $y_n \to y$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} |\langle x_n, y_n \rangle - \langle x, y \rangle| &= |\langle x_n, y_n \rangle - \langle x, y_n \rangle + \langle x, y_n \rangle - \langle x, y \rangle| \\ &= |\langle x_n - x, y_n \rangle + \langle x, y_n - y \rangle| \\ &\leq \|x_n - x\| \|y_n\| + \|x\| \|y_n - y\| \\ &\to 0 \cdot M + C \cdot 0 < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

where  $||y_n|| \to M$  since  $y_n \to y$  implies that  $||y_n||$  is bounded.

## 2.1 Part a:

Using the lemma, letting  $\{e_n\}$  be a sequence in  $E^{\perp}$ , so  $y \in E \implies \langle e_n, y \rangle = 0$ . Since H is complete,  $e_n \to e \in H$ ; we can show that  $e \in E^{\perp}$  by letting  $y \in E$  be arbitrary and computing

$$\langle e, y \rangle = \left\langle \lim_{n} e_{n}, y \right\rangle = \lim_{n} \left\langle e_{n}, y \right\rangle = \lim_{n} 0 = 0,$$

so  $e \in E^{\perp}$ .

## 2.2 Part b:

Let  $S := \operatorname{span}_H(E)$ ; then the smallest closed subspace containing E is  $\overline{S}$ , the closure of S. We will proceed by showing that  $E^{\perp \perp} = \overline{S}$ .

$$\overline{S} \subseteq E^{\perp \perp}$$
:

Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in S, so  $x_n \to x \in \overline{S}$ .

First, each  $x_n$  is in  $E^{\perp \perp}$ , since if we write  $x_n = \sum a_i e_i$  where  $e_i \in E$ , we have

$$y \in E^{\perp} \implies \langle x_n, y \rangle = \left\langle \sum_i a_i e_i, y \right\rangle = \sum_i a_i \langle e_i, y \rangle = 0 \implies x_n \in (E^{\perp})^{\perp}.$$

It remains to show that  $x \in E^{\perp \perp}$ , which follows from

$$y \in E^{\perp} \implies \langle x, y \rangle = \left\langle \lim_{n} x_{n}, y \right\rangle = \lim_{n} \left\langle x_{n}, y \right\rangle = 0 \implies x \in (E^{\perp})^{\perp},$$

where we've used continuity of the inner product.

$$E^{\perp\perp}\subseteq \overline{S}$$
:

Suppose that there is an element in  $x \in \overline{S} \setminus E^{\perp \perp}$ . Noting that  $\overline{S}$  is closed, we can define P, the operator projecting elements onto  $\overline{S}$ , and write

$$x = Px + (x - Px).$$

But then

$$y \in E^{\perp} \implies \langle x, y \rangle = \langle Px + (x - Px), y \rangle = \langle Px, y \rangle + \langle x - Px, y \rangle$$