

Functional Analysis Assignment VII

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Problem 1. Show that both Laplace equation

$$\Delta u = \sum_{i=0}^n \partial_{x_i x_i} u = 0$$

And wave equation

$$\square u = \partial_{x_0 x_0} u - \sum_{i=1}^n \partial_{x_i x_i} u = 0$$

can be written into the positive symmetric system

$$LU = \sum_{j=0}^n A_j \partial_{x_j} U + BU = f$$

Where $A_j (j = 0, \dots, n)$ are symmetric matrix functions and B is a square matrix satisfying

$$B + B^\top - \sum_{j=0}^n \partial_{x_j} A_j > kI \quad \text{For a constant } k > 0.$$

Proof.

□

Problem 2. Show that a weakly sequentially compact set is bounded.

Proof. Let $K \subset X$ be a subset of normed space. Let $\{x_n\} \subset K$ and $x_n \rightharpoonup x \in K$. Then by the third part of *Principle of uniform boundedness*: there exists constant $c > 0$

$$\|x_n\| \leq c \quad (\dagger)$$

Assume K is unbounded, then we can pick $\{x_n\} \in K$ such that $\|x_n\| \geq n$. Since K is weakly sequentially compact, there exists a weakly convergent subsequence $\{x_{n_k}\} \subset \{x_n\}$, and

$$\|x_{n_k}\| \geq n_k$$

Contradicts (\dagger) . Hence K is bounded.

□

Problem 3. Show that if the sequence $\{u_n\}$ is weak* convergent to u ,

$$\|u\| \leq \liminf \|u_n\|$$

Proof. Since $u_n \rightharpoonup u$, we have $|u(x)| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |u_n(x)|$, for $\forall x \in X$.

By definition, we can find $x_0 \in X$, such that $|u(x_0)| = \|u\|$ and $\|x_0\| = 1$. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \|u\| &= |u(x_0)| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |u_n(x_0)| \\ &\leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|u_n\| \|x_0\| \\ &= \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|u_n\| \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

Which finished the proof.

□

Problem 4. Show that the norm of bounded linear map is sub-additive, that is

$$\|\mathbf{M} + \mathbf{K}\| \leq \|\mathbf{M}\| + \|\mathbf{K}\|$$

Proof. By definition

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{M} + \mathbf{K}\| &= \sup_{\|x\|=1} \|(\mathbf{M} + \mathbf{K})x\| \\ &\leq \sup_{\|x\|=1} (\|\mathbf{M}x\| + \|\mathbf{K}x\|) \\ &\leq \sup_{\|x\|=1} \|\mathbf{M}x\| + \sup_{\|x\|=1} \|\mathbf{K}x\| = \|\mathbf{M}\| + \|\mathbf{K}\| \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

□

Problem 5. Let X and U be Banach spaces, U reflexive. Let \mathbf{M} be a bounded linear map: $X \rightarrow U$. Let x_n be a sequence in X , $x_n \rightharpoonup x$. Then, $\mathbf{M}x_n \rightharpoonup \mathbf{M}x$.

Proof. It suffice to show that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \xi(\mathbf{M}x_n) = \xi(\mathbf{M}x)$ for all $\xi \in U'$.
For any $\xi \in U'$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \xi(\mathbf{M}x_n) - \xi(\mathbf{M}x) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \xi(\mathbf{M}x_n - \mathbf{M}x) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \xi(\mathbf{M}(x_n - x)) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\xi \circ \mathbf{M})(x_n - x) \quad (\triangle) \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

The quantity (\triangle) is zero. Because $(\xi \circ \mathbf{M}) := \ell \in X'$, and due to the weak convergence of $\{x_n\}$, $\ell(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ell(x_n)$. Hence, we have $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \xi(\mathbf{M}x_n) = \xi(\mathbf{M}x)$ for all $\xi \in U'$. Finished the proof. □

Problem 6. If \mathbf{I} is identity map: $X \rightarrow X$, show \mathbf{I}' is identity map: $X' \rightarrow X'$.

Proof. Since $\mathbf{I} : X \rightarrow X$, $\mathbf{I}(x) = x$ for all $x \in X$. By definition of transpose, $\mathbf{I}' : X' \rightarrow X'$ such that for any $\ell \in X'$

$$\mathbf{I}'\ell(x) = \ell(\mathbf{I}x) = \ell(x) \tag{4}$$

Therefore $\mathbf{I}'\ell = \ell$, which implies that \mathbf{I}' is identity map on X' . □

Problem 7. \mathbf{M}^* is adjoint operator on Hilbert space, show thm.5 is valid for it, that is

1. \mathbf{M}^* is bounded, and $\|\mathbf{M}^*\| = \|\mathbf{M}\|$.
2. The nullspace of \mathbf{M}^* is the annihilator of the range of \mathbf{M} . That is, $N_{\mathbf{M}^*} = R_{\mathbf{M}}^\perp$.
3. The nullspace of \mathbf{M} is the annihilator of the range of \mathbf{M}^* . $N_{\mathbf{M}} = R_{\mathbf{M}^*}^\perp$.
4. $(\mathbf{M} + \mathbf{N})^* = \mathbf{M}^* + \mathbf{N}^*$.

Proof. (1) Consider linear functional with respect to $\ell_y(x) = \langle \mathbf{M}x, y \rangle$, for fixed $y \in H$. By (**Riesz**), there exists unique $z \in H$, such that

$$\ell_y(x) = \langle \mathbf{M}x, y \rangle = \langle x, z \rangle$$

Now define $\mathbf{M}^* : H \rightarrow H$ as $\mathbf{M}^*y = z$ (\triangle). This exactly is the defining property of adjoint of bounded linear map \mathbf{M} . So it suffices to verify the theorem on \mathbf{M}^* defined by (\triangle).

For any $x \in H$,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{M}^*x\|^2 &= |\langle \mathbf{M}^*x, \mathbf{M}^*x \rangle| = |\langle \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{M}^*x), x \rangle| \\ &= |\ell_x(\mathbf{M}^*x)| \leq \|\ell_x\| \|\mathbf{M}^*x\| \\ &\Rightarrow \|\mathbf{M}^*x\| \leq \|\ell_x\| \leq \|\mathbf{M}\| \|x\| \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

Hence by definition, we have $\|M^*\| \leq \|M\|$. Since M is bounded linear map, M^* too. Now we show $\|M\| = \|M^*\|$. Consider

$$|\langle Mx, y \rangle| = |\langle x, M^*y \rangle| \leq \|x\| \|M^*\| \|y\| \quad (6)$$

So

$$M^* = \sup_{\|x\|=\|y\|=1} |\langle Mx, y \rangle| = \sup_{\|x\|=1} \|Mx\| = \|M\|$$

Finished the proof.

(2) $\forall y \in N_{M^*}$, $\langle x, M^*y \rangle = 0$ for all $x \in H$. Hence $\langle Mx, y \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow y \in R_M^\perp$.

On the other hand, $\forall y \in R_M^\perp$, $0 = \langle Mx, y \rangle = \langle x, M^*y \rangle \Rightarrow y \in N_{M^*}$. We conclude that $N_{M^*} = R_M^\perp$.

(3) $\forall x \in N_M$, $\langle Mx, y \rangle = 0$ for all $y \in H$. $\Rightarrow \langle x, M^*y \rangle = 0$. So $N_M \subseteq R_{M^*}^\perp$.

On the other hand, $\forall x \in R_{M^*}^\perp$, $0 = \langle x, M^*y \rangle = \langle Mx, y \rangle$. And $\|Mx\| = \sup_{\|y\|=1} |\langle Mx, y \rangle| \Rightarrow Mx = 0$,

$x \in N_M$. So $N_M \supseteq R_{M^*}^\perp$. We conclude that $N_M = R_{M^*}^\perp$.

(4) By bilinearity of inner product,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (M + N)x, y \rangle &= \langle Mx, y \rangle + \langle Nx, y \rangle \\ &= \langle x, M^*y \rangle + \langle x, N^*y \rangle \\ &= \langle x, (M^* + N^*)y \rangle \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Therefore, we have $(M + N)^* = M^* + N^*$. □

Problem 8. (Ex.6) Show that if $w\text{-}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_n = M$, then $w\text{-}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M'_n = M'$, provided that X is reflexive.

(Ex.7) (Thm.6) Let X, U be Banach spaces, M_n a sequence of linear maps: $X \rightarrow U$, uniformly bounded in norm:

$$\|M_n\| \leq c \quad \text{for all } n.$$

Suppose further that $s\text{-}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_n x$ exists for a *dense set* of x in X . Then $\{M_n\}$ converges strongly. I.e. the $s\text{-}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_n x$ exists for all $x \in X$. Show the thm above and formulate analogous theorem for weak convergence.

Proof. $M : X \rightarrow U$ weakly converges. By definition, $\forall x \in X$ and $\ell \in U'$, we have

$$\ell(Mx) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ell(M_n x)$$

Since X is reflexive, and by definition of transpose,

$$\ell(M_n x) = (M'_n \ell)x$$

Since X is reflexive, $w\text{-}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M'_n$ exists. Denote $M'_n \rightharpoonup N'$. For any $x \in X$, $\ell \in U$. So we have

$$(N' \ell)x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (M'_n \ell)x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \ell(M_n x) = \ell(Mx) = (M' \ell)x \quad (8)$$

Hence $N' = M'$, i.e. $M'_n \rightharpoonup M'$. □

Proof. (1) Denote E the set in which $s\text{-}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_n x$ exists. E is dense in X .

$\forall \epsilon > 0$, for any $x \in X$, since E dense, $\exists \tilde{x} \in E$, s.t. $\|x - \tilde{x}\| < \epsilon/4c$.

Since $s\text{-}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} M_n x$ exists in E , it is Cauchy sequence. $\exists N > 0$, for all $n, m > N$ we have

$$\|(M_n - M_m)\tilde{x}\| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} \|(M_n - M_m)x\| &\leq \|(M_n - M_m)\tilde{x}\| + \|(M_n - M_m)(x - \tilde{x})\| \\ &\leq \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \|M_n - M_m\| \|x - \tilde{x}\| \\ &\leq \frac{\epsilon}{2} + 2c \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{4c} \\ &= \epsilon \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

So $\{\mathbf{M}_n x\}$ is Cauchy sequence for all $x \in X$, which strongly convergent. Finished the proof.

(b) Analogous theorem: X, U Banach spaces. $\mathbf{M}_n : X \rightarrow U$, are uniformly bounded in norm, i.e. $\|\mathbf{M}_n\| \leq c$ for all n . And $w\text{-}\lim \mathbf{M}_n x$ exists for $x \in E$ which is dense in X . Then, \mathbf{M}_n converges weakly, i.e. $w\text{-}\lim \mathbf{M}_n x$ exists for all $x \in X$.

Proof. For any fixed $\ell \in U'$, $\forall \epsilon > 0$, any $x \in X$, there exists $\tilde{x} \in E$, such that

$$\|x - \tilde{x}\| < \frac{\epsilon}{4c\|\ell\|}$$

Since $\mathbf{M}_n x$ weakly convergent on E , $\exists N$, for any $n, m \geq N$:

$$\|\ell(\mathbf{M}_n \tilde{x}) - \ell(\mathbf{M}_m \tilde{x})\| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \|\ell(\mathbf{M}_n x) - \ell(\mathbf{M}_m x)\| &\leq \|\ell((\mathbf{M}_n - \mathbf{M}_m)\tilde{x})\| + \|\ell((\mathbf{M}_n - \mathbf{M}_m)(x - \tilde{x}))\| \\ &\leq \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \|\ell\| \|\mathbf{M}_n - \mathbf{M}_m\| \|x - \tilde{x}\| \\ &\leq \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \|\ell\| \cdot 2c \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{4c\|\ell\|} \\ &= \epsilon \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

So $\{\ell(\mathbf{M}_n x)\}$ is Cauchy sequence for all $x \in X$ and $\ell \in U'$, implies that $\{\mathbf{M}_n\}$ converges weakly. \square

Problem 9. Show that in a complex Hilbert space $(\mathbf{N}\mathbf{M})^* = \mathbf{M}^* \mathbf{N}^*$

Proof. It is clear by definition.

$$\langle \mathbf{N}\mathbf{M}x, y \rangle = \langle \mathbf{M}x, \mathbf{N}^*y \rangle = \langle x, \mathbf{M}^* \mathbf{N}^*y \rangle \tag{11}$$

Hence $(\mathbf{N}\mathbf{M})^* = \mathbf{M}^* \mathbf{N}^*$. \square