



- 1 Recall that  $\mathcal{P}_4$  is the space of polynomials of degree at most 4. Show that the sets  $U, V \subset \mathcal{P}_4$ , defined by

$$U := \{p \in \mathcal{P}_4 : p(-1) = p(1) = 0\},$$
$$V := \{p \in \mathcal{P}_4 : p(1) = p(2) = p(3) = 0\}$$

are subspaces of  $\mathcal{P}_4$  and determine the subspace  $U \cap V$ .

- 2 Let  $M_n(\mathbb{C})$  be the space of  $n \times n$  matrices with complex entries. For  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$  we define its *trace* by  $\text{tr}(A) = a_{11} + \dots + a_{nn}$ .

- a) Show that for  $A, B \in M_3(\mathbb{C})$  we have  $\text{tr}(AB) = \text{tr}(BA)$  and try to show this property of the trace for  $n \times n$  matrices.
- b) Let  $S \subset M_n(\mathbb{C})$  be defined as the matrices with  $\text{tr}(A) = 0$ . Show that  $S$  is a subspace of  $M_n(\mathbb{C})$ .

- 3 a) Prove that  $(l^\infty(\mathbb{R}), \|\cdot\|_\infty)$  is a normed space, where for any bounded sequence  $x = (x_n) \in l^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  we define

$$\|x\|_\infty := \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |x_n|.$$

Is this norm associated with an inner product?

**Note:** For the first part, you don't need to show that  $\ell^\infty$  is a vector space, just that the axioms for a normed space are satisfied.

- b) Show that the norm  $\|\cdot\|_p$  on  $\ell^p(\mathbb{R})$  does not satisfy the parallelogram law

$$\|x - y\|_p^2 + \|x + y\|_p^2 = 2\|x\|_p^2 + 2\|y\|_p^2 \quad \text{for all } x, y \in X,$$

for any  $p \neq 2$ .

- 4 Find a sequence  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots)$  of real numbers which converges to 0, but which is not in any space  $\ell^p(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ .

**5** Suppose  $(X, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$  is an inner product space, and let  $\| \cdot \| = \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle^{1/2}$ .

a) Show that  $\| \cdot \|$  satisfies the parallelogram law.

b) Let  $\omega$  be a  $n^{\text{th}}$  root of unity, i.e.  $\omega^n = 1$  and  $\omega^k \neq 1$  for  $k < n$ . Show that for  $n \geq 3$

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \omega^k \|x + \omega^k y\|^2.$$

c) Show that

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \int_0^1 e^{2\pi i \varphi} \|x + e^{2\pi i \varphi} y\|^2 d\varphi.$$

**6** Let  $(\mathbb{R}^n, \| \cdot \|_p)$  be the space of real  $n$ -tuples with  $p$ -norm  $\|x\|_p = (\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p)^{1/p}$  for some  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . Show that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i| \leq n^{(p-1)/p} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p \right)^{1/p}.$$