

**References:** Throughout this mandatory assignment we will consider the lecture notes to be the "canonical" source material. Any source-less references to definitions, theorems and propositions (e.g. "see Proposition 2.10") will thus implicitly refer to the lecture notes. When referencing *Measures, Integrals and Martingales* by René L. Schilling and *Real Analysis: Modern Techniques and Their Applications* by Gerald B. Folland we will simply append (Schilling) and (Folland), respectively, to the relevant reference. Homework and mandatory problems will be abbreviated and should be fairly self-explanatory, e.g. HW4-P2(a) will refer to homework problem 4, problem 2, sub-problem (a).

**Problem 1:** Let  $H$  be an infinite dimensional separable Hilbert space with orthonormal basis  $(e_n)_{n \geq 1}$ . Set  $f_N = N^{-1} \sum_{n=1}^{N^2} e_n$ , for all  $N \geq 1$ .

(a) Show that  $f_N \rightarrow 0$  weakly as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ , while  $\|f_N\| = 1$  for all  $N \geq 1$ .

*Proof.* By combining the Riesz representation theorem (see HW2-P1) with HW4-P2(a), it will suffice to show that

$$\langle f_N, y \rangle \rightarrow \langle 0, y \rangle = 0, \quad \text{for all } y \in H. \quad (1)$$

Since  $(e_n)_{n \geq 1}$  is an orthonormal basis, it follows from Analysis 2 (see Theorem 26.21, Schilling) that any given  $y \in H$  can be written as

$$y = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \langle y, e_m \rangle e_m = \sum_{m=1}^{N_y} \langle y, e_m \rangle e_m, \quad (2)$$

This is generally false.  
( $e_n$ )<sub>n=1</sub> is not a <sup>(2)</sup> Hamel basis.

for some  $N_y \in \mathbb{N}$ , where the latter equality used that only finitely many of the  $\langle y, e_n \rangle$  terms are non-zero (see the MA1-P1). Plugging (2) and the expression for  $f_N$  into (1) yields

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f_N, y \rangle &= \langle N^{-1} \sum_{n=1}^{N^2} e_n, \sum_{m=1}^{N_y} \langle y, e_m \rangle e_m \rangle = N^{-1} \sum_{n=1}^{N^2} \sum_{m=1}^{N_y} \overline{\langle y, e_m \rangle} \langle e_n, e_m \rangle \\ &= N^{-1} \sum_{n=1}^{\min\{N^2, N_y\}} \overline{\langle y, e_n \rangle}. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

The sum in (3) is clearly finite since  $\min\{N^2, N_y\} \rightarrow N_y$  for  $N \rightarrow \infty$ , and hence the entire expression will converge to zero due to the  $N^{-1}$  term. This holds for any arbitrarily chosen  $y \in H$ : we conclude that  $f_N \rightarrow 0$  weakly as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ . (✓)

Further, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|f_N\|^2 &= \langle N^{-1} \sum_{n=1}^{N^2} e_n, N^{-1} \sum_{m=1}^{N^2} e_m \rangle = N^{-2} \sum_{n=1}^{N^2} \sum_{m=1}^{N^2} \langle e_n, e_m \rangle \\ &= N^{-2} \sum_{n=1}^{N^2} \langle e_n, e_n \rangle = N^{-2} N^2 = 1, \end{aligned}$$

and hence  $\|f_N\| = 1$  for all  $N \geq 1$ . □ ✓

Let  $K$  be the norm closure of  $\text{co}\{f_N : N \geq 1\}$ .

- (b) Argue that  $K$  is weakly compact, and that  $0 \in K$ .

Recall the definition of the convex hull,

$$\text{co}\{f_N : N \geq 1\} = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i f_{N_i} \mid f_{N_i} \in \{f_N : N \geq 1\}, \alpha_i > 0, \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i = 1, n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}.$$

Thus for any  $f \in \text{co}\{f_N : N \geq 1\}$  we have

$$\|f\| = \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i f_{N_i} \right\| \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \|\alpha_i f_{N_i}\| = \sum_{i=1}^n |\alpha_i| \|f_{N_i}\| = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i = 1,$$

where we used the result from (a) that  $\|f_{N_i}\| = 1$  for all  $f_{N_i} \in \{f_N : N \geq 1\}$ . We conclude that any element in the convex hull is contained in the closed unit ball, i.e.

$$\text{co}\{f_N : N \geq 1\} \subset \overline{B_H(0, 1)},$$

and thus the norm closure of the convex hull – i.e.  $K$  – will be contained within the closed unit ball:

$$K = \overline{\text{co}\{f_N : N \geq 1\}}^{\|\cdot\|} \subset \overline{B_H(0, 1)}.$$

Convex hulls are (obviously) convex, and so it furthermore follows from Theorem 5.7 that

$$K = \overline{\text{co}\{f_N : N \geq 1\}}^{\|\cdot\|} = \overline{\text{co}\{f_N : N \geq 1\}}^{\tau_w}. \quad (4)$$

Since  $H$  is reflexive (see Proposition 2.10) we may apply Theorem 6.3 to conclude that  $\overline{B_H(0, 1)}$  is *weakly* compact. Finally we piece everything together: We have shown that  $K$  is closed in the weak topology (4), and that it is a subset of a weakly compact set  $\overline{B_H(0, 1)}$ . Then it follows from Proposition 4.22 (Folland) that  $K$  is weakly compact. ✓

Then by *HW5-P1* combined with *MA2-P1(a)* there exists a sequence  $(f_{N_i})_{i \geq 1} \subset \text{co}\{f_N : N \geq 1\}$  such that  $f_{N_i} \rightarrow 0$  in norm, which implies that  $0 \in \overline{\text{co}\{f_N : N \geq 1\}}^{\|\cdot\|} = K$ . (✓)

It is a sequence of convex combinations of the  $f_N$ 's, not just the  $f_N$ 's themselves.

- (c) Show that  $0$ , as well as  $f_N$ ,  $N \geq 1$ , are extreme points in  $K$ .

Let us first show that  $0 \in \text{Ext}(K)$ . Notice that for any  $f \in \text{co}\{f_N : N \geq 1\}$  and any basis vector  $e_m \in (e_n)_{n \geq 1}$  we have

$$\langle e_m, f \rangle = \langle e_m, \sum_{i=1}^k f_{N_i} \alpha_i \rangle = \langle e_m, \sum_{i=1}^k \left( N_i^{-1} \sum_{n=1}^{N_i^2} e_n \right) \alpha_i \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^k N_i^{-1} \sum_{n=1}^{N_i^2} \alpha_i \langle e_m, e_n \rangle \geq 0. \quad (5)$$

Next assume that  $0 = \alpha g + (1 - \alpha)h$  for some  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  and  $g, h \in K$ . Since  $g, h \in K = \overline{\text{co}\{f_N : N \geq 1\}}$  we can approximate them arbitrarily well with elements

$g_i, h_i \in \text{co}\{f_N : N \geq 1\}$  for which  $\langle e_m, g_i \rangle \geq 0$  and  $\langle e_m, h_i \rangle \geq 0$  by (5), and so we must have  $\langle e_m, g \rangle \geq 0, \langle e_m, h \rangle \geq 0$ . But notice that

$$\begin{aligned} -\alpha g &= (1 - \alpha)h \Leftrightarrow g = \frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha}h \\ \Rightarrow \langle e_m, g \rangle &= \frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha} \langle e_m, h \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

where  $(\alpha - 1)/\alpha < 0$ . But because the inner products are positive the above equality is only possible when  $\langle e_m, g \rangle = \langle e_m, h \rangle = 0$ , and hence  $g = h = 0$ , i.e. 0 is an extreme point. Next let us show that  $f_N, N \geq 1$  are extreme points. Define  $F := \{f_N : N \geq 1\}$ , and note that since  $K$  is weakly compact by MA2-P1(b) then Theorem 7.8 (Klein-Milman) implies

$$\overline{\text{co}(F)}^{\tau_w} = K = \overline{\text{co}(\text{Ext}(K))}^{\tau_w},$$

so if we can show that the *removal* of any element from  $F$  renders the above equality incorrect, then said element must be an extreme point. That is, for some  $M \in \mathbb{N}$  define

$$F' = F \setminus \{f_M\},$$

and assume for contradiction that there exist  $f \in \text{co}(F')$  such that  $f = f_M$ . Then

$$\langle f_M, f \rangle = \|f_M\|^2 = 1,$$

but

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f_M, f \rangle &= \langle M^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{M^2} e_i, \sum_{j=1}^n f_{N_j} \alpha_j \rangle = \langle M^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{M^2} e_i, \sum_{j=1}^n (N_j^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^{N_j^2} e_k) \alpha_j \rangle \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j M^{-1} N_j^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{M^2} \sum_{k=1}^{N_j^2} \langle e_i, e_k \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j M^{-1} N_j^{-1} \min\{M^2, N_j^2\} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j \frac{\min\{M^2, N_j^2\}}{M N_j} < 1, \end{aligned}$$


where we used that  $\frac{\min\{M^2, N_j^2\}}{M N_j} < 1$  since  $f \in \text{co}(F')$ , i.e. none of the  $f_{N_j}$ 's contributing to  $f$  contain the  $M$ th term, and hence  $M \neq N_j$  for any  $j$ . Clearly inner products cannot simultaneously equal 1 and be strictly less than 1, so we have reached a contradiction, i.e.  $f_M$  cannot be written as a convex sum of terms in  $F'$ , and furthermore we have that the weak closure cannot coincide, i.e.

$$\overline{\text{co}(F')}^{\tau_w} \neq \overline{\text{co}(F)}^{\tau_w} = \overline{\text{co}(\text{Ext}(K))}^{\tau_w}.$$

We conclude that  $\{f_M\} \subset \text{Ext}(K)$ , but since our  $M \in \mathbb{N}$  was chosen arbitrarily we get that all  $f_N, N \geq 1$  are extreme points of  $K$ .

Why? What if  $f_M$  was a limit point of  $\text{co}(F')$ ?  
(✓)

- (d) Are there any other extreme points in  $K$ ?

Since  $K$  is a weakly compact, non-empty convex subset of  $H$ , and  $F \subset K$  satisfies  $K = \overline{\text{co}(F)}^{\tau_w}$ , then by Theorem 7.9 (Milman) it follows that  $\text{Ext}(K) \subset \overline{F}^{\tau_w}$ . But since the weak closure of  $F$  only adds the element 0 (any other weakly convergent sequence in  $F$  that doesn't converge to 0 will eventually be constant in  $F$ ), then in combination with MA2-P1(c) we conclude that  $F \cup \{0\} = \text{Ext}(K)$ , i.e. there are *no* other extreme points in  $K$ . 

**Problem 2:** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be infinite dimensional Banach spaces.

- (a) Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ . For a sequence  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  in  $X$  and  $x \in X$ , show that if  $x_n \rightarrow x$  weakly as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $Tx_n \rightarrow Tx$  weakly as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

*Proof.* By reference to HW4-P2(a) it suffices to show that

$$y^*(Tx_n) \rightarrow y^*(Tx), \quad \text{for all } y^* \in Y^*.$$

By Theorem 7.13 there exists  $T^\dagger \in \mathcal{L}(Y^*, X^*)$  such that


$$(T^\dagger y^*)(x) = y^*(Tx), \quad \text{for all } x \in X, y^* \in Y^*,$$

Thus for all  $y^* \in Y^*$  we recognize that  $T^\dagger y^* \in X^*$ , and since  $x_n \rightarrow x$  weakly we can apply HW4-P2(a) to conclude

$$y^*(Tx_n) = (T^\dagger y^*)(x_n) \rightarrow (T^\dagger y^*)(x) = y^*(Tx)$$

as desired. □ 

- (b) Let  $T \in \mathcal{K}(X, Y)$ . For a sequence  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  in  $X$  and  $x \in X$ , show that if  $x_n \rightarrow x$  weakly as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $\|Tx_n - Tx\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

*Proof.* We wish to show that the further restriction to *compact* operators is enough to ensure convergence of  $(Tx_n)_{n \geq 1}$  to  $Tx$  in norm. Note that  $\mathcal{K}(X, Y) \subset \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$  (see Definition 8.1 and subsequent comments), so by the previous sub-problem MA2-P2(a) the sequence  $(Tx_n)_{n \geq 1}$  will converge *weakly* to  $Tx$ . Let us establish the norm convergence via an application of the double thinning principle: Consider a *subsequence*  $(Tx_{n_k})_{k \geq 1}$ . Since the  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  sequence converges weakly it will be bounded according to HW4-P2(b), and thus the subsequence  $(x_{n_k})_{k \geq 1}$  is bounded as well. Then by Proposition 8.2(4) we can find a further subsequence  $(x_{n_{k_p}})_{p \geq 1}$  such that  $(Tx_{n_{k_p}})_{p \geq 1}$  converges in norm to *some* element  $y \in Y$ . But convergence in norm implies convergence in the weak topology (since  $\tau_w \subset \tau_{\|\cdot\|}$ , see Remark 5.3), so by the uniqueness of weak limits we conclude that  $y$  and  $Tx$  must coincide; i.e.  $(Tx_{n_{k_p}})_{p \geq 1}$  converges to  $Tx$  in norm. But since our initial subsequence was chosen arbitrarily then the double thinning principle implies that  $(Tx_n)_{n \geq 1}$  converges to  $Tx$  in norm, i.e.  $\|Tx_n - Tx\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . □ 

- (c) Let  $H$  be a separable infinite dimensional Hilbert space. Assume that  $T \in \mathcal{L}(H, Y)$  satisfies  $\|Tx_n - Tx\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  whenever  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  is a sequence in  $H$  converging weakly to  $x \in H$ . Show that  $T \in \mathcal{K}(H, Y)$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $T \in \mathcal{L}(H, Y)$  satisfies  $\|Tx_n - Tx\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  whenever  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  is a sequence in  $H$  converging weakly to  $x \in H$ , but that  $T$  is *not* compact. Then by Proposition 8.2 the set  $T(\overline{B_H(0, 1)})$  is *not* totally bounded, which means that there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that no matter how large of an  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  we chose, it is *not* possible to cover  $T(\overline{B_H(0, 1)})$  with a union of  $N$  open balls with radius  $\delta$ . Now take some arbitrary initial element  $y_0 \in T(\overline{B_H(0, 1)})$  and let  $(y_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence in  $T(\overline{B_H(0, 1)})$  such that

$$y_i \in T(\overline{B_H(0, 1)}) \setminus \left( \bigcup_{n=0}^{i-1} B_Y(y_n, \delta) \right), \quad \text{for } i \in \mathbb{N}.$$


Let us provide some intuition behind the construction: We start with the initial element  $y_0 \in T(\overline{B_H(0, 1)})$ . Then we "surround it" with a ball  $B_Y(y_0, \delta)$  and pick a  $y_1 \in T(\overline{B_H(0, 1)})$  that is *not* contained within the surrounding ball, i.e.  $y_1$  has distance *at least*  $\delta$  from  $y_0$ . Then we surround this  $y_1$  with another ball  $B_Y(y_1, \delta)$  and pick the next element in the sequence  $y_2 \in T(\overline{B_H(0, 1)}) \setminus (\bigcup_{n=0}^1 B_Y(y_n, \delta))$ , and we repeat this process indefinitely. This ensures that every new element in the sequence has a distance of at least  $\delta$  from any previous element. Note that the set  $T(\overline{B_H(0, 1)}) \setminus (\bigcup_{n=0}^i B_Y(y_n, \delta))$  is never empty for any  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , because if it were, then  $T(\overline{B_H(0, 1)})$  would be covered by a *finite* union of open balls with radius  $\delta$ , contradicting our previous conclusion that it was *not* totally bounded.

Then given this sequence  $(y_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset T(\overline{B_H(0, 1)})$  it follows that there exists a sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \overline{B_H(0, 1)}$  such that  $(Tx_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} = (y_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  and with  $\|Tx_n - Tx_m\| = \|y_n - y_m\| \geq \delta$  for all  $n \neq m$ . Next we aim to show that there exists a *subsequence*  $(x_{n_k})_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  that converges weakly to some element  $x$ . If successful, then it would follow from the initial assumptions that  $\|Tx_{n_k} - Tx\| \rightarrow 0$ , which implies that  $(Tx_{n_k})_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  is Cauchy. But this clearly contradicts what we showed earlier, because for any  $k \neq l$  we have  $\|Tx_{n_k} - Tx_{n_l}\| \geq \delta$ , i.e. it is *not* Cauchy; and then we could conclude that  $T$  must be compact.

*This identification is antilinear.* Identify the sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset H$  with the sequence  $f_n = (\langle \cdot, x_n \rangle)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset H^*$  via Riesz representation. Since  $H$  is separable, then it follows from Theorem 5.13 that  $(B_{H^*}(0, 1), \tau_{w^*})$  is metrizable, and it furthermore follows from Theorem 6.1 (Alaoglu) that  $B_{H^*}(0, 1)$  is compact in the  $w^*$ -topology: we conclude that  $\overline{B_{H^*}(0, 1)}$  is weakly sequentially compact. But we also know that the  $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  sequence is bounded since  $\|f_n\| = \|x_n\| \leq 1$ , where we used the comments on page 13 and the fact that  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \overline{B_H(0, 1)}$ . Thus there exists a subsequence  $(f_{n_k})_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  that  $w^*$ -converges to some  $f = \langle \cdot, x \rangle \in H^*$ . But then by *HW4-P2(c)* we know that  $f_{n_k}(y) = \langle y, x_{n_k} \rangle$  converges to  $\langle y, x \rangle = f(y)$  for all  $y \in H$ . But then we also have  $\langle x_{n_k}, y \rangle \rightarrow \langle x, y \rangle$  for all  $y \in H$ , which allows us to apply *HW4-2(a)* to conclude that  $x_{n_k}$  converges weakly to  $x$ . This is what we wanted to show, and hence we're done with the proof.  $\square$  ✓

(d) Show that each  $T \in \mathcal{L}(\ell_2(\mathbb{N}), \ell_1(\mathbb{N}))$  is compact.


We wish to apply *MA2-P2(c)*: Consider a sequence  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  in  $\ell_2(\mathbb{N})$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x$  weakly for  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then by *MA2-P2(a)* we know that  $Tx_n \rightarrow Tx$  weakly for  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . But according to Remark 5.3, weak convergence in  $\ell_1(\mathbb{N})$  is *equivalent*

to convergence in norm, and hence we conclude that  $\|Tx_n - Tx\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Note finally that  $\ell_2(\mathbb{N})$  is a *separable* Hilbert space (see *HW4-P4(a)*), and so it follows that  $T \in \mathcal{K}(H, Y)$ . 

(e) Show that no  $T \in \mathcal{K}(X, Y)$  is surjective.

Assume for contradiction that  $T \in \mathcal{K}(X, Y)$  is surjective. Then by the Theorem 3.15 (The Open Mapping Theorem) the map  $T$  is open, which implies that  $T(B_X(0, 1))$  is open. But then there must exist a radius  $\delta > 0$  such that  $B_Y(0, \delta) \subset T(B_X(0, 1))$ . Furthermore,  $\overline{T(B_X(0, 1))}$  is compact since  $T$  is compact (see Definition 8.1), and we have the relation


$$\overline{B_Y(0, \delta)} \subset \overline{T(B_X(0, 1))}.$$


Since  $\overline{B_Y(0, \delta)}$  is a *closed* subset of a *compact* space  $\overline{T(B_X(0, 1))}$ , then by Theorem 4.22 (Folland) we conclude that  $\overline{B_Y(0, \delta)}$  is compact, but this contradicts *MA1-P3(e)*, which stated that the closed (unit) ball in an infinite dimensional normed space was *not* compact (the particular radius is of no importance, any scaling of the closed unit ball will not be compact either). 

(f) Let  $H = L_2([0, 1], m)$ , and consider the operator  $M \in \mathcal{L}(H, H)$  given by  $Mf(t) = tf(t)$  for  $f \in H$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ . Justify that  $M$  is self-adjoint, but not compact.

Let  $g \in L_2([0, 1], m)$  and consider

$$\underbrace{f, g}_{f, g} \quad \langle Mf, g \rangle = \langle tf, g \rangle = \int_{[0, 1]} tf\bar{g}dm = \int_{[0, 1]} f\overline{tg} = \langle f, tg \rangle = \langle f, Mg \rangle,$$

where we used the fact that  $t$  was real. We conclude that  $M$  is self-adjoint, i.e.  $M = M^*$  (see comments in Theorem 10.1 and on page 41). 

If we assume for contradiction that  $M$  is compact, then since  $H$  is a separable (see *HW4-P4(a)*), infinite dimensional Hilbert space and  $M$  is self-adjoint, then it follows from the Spectral Theorem for self-adjoint compact operators (Theorem 10.1) that  $H$  has an orthonormal basis  $(e_n)_{n \geq 1}$  consisting of eigenvectors for  $T$  with corresponding eigenvalues  $\lambda_n \in \mathbb{R}$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . But this contradicts the results from *HW6-P3(a)*, which stated that  $M$  has no eigenvalues. We conclude that  $M$  cannot be compact. 

**Problem 3:** Consider the Hilbert space  $H = L_2([0, 1], m)$ , where  $m$  is the Lebesgue measure. Define  $K : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$K(s, t) = \begin{cases} (1-s)t, & 0 \leq t \leq s \leq 1, \\ (1-t)s, & 0 \leq s < t \leq 1, \end{cases}$$


and consider  $T \in \mathcal{L}(H, H)$  defined by

$$(Tf)(s) = \int_{[0, 1]} K(s, t)f(t)dm(t), \quad s \in [0, 1], f \in H.$$

- (a) Justify that  $T$  is compact.

First we recognize that  $T$  is defined analogously to a Kernel operator (see page 46): The Lebesgue measure satisfies the  $\sigma$ -finiteness condition, but we need to justify that  $K \in L_2([0, 1]^2, m_2)$ . This follows easily since  $K$  is bounded by 1:

$$\int_{[0,1]^2} |K| dm_2 \leq \int_{[0,1]^2} 1 dm_2 = 1 < \infty.$$

Now it follows directly from Proposition 9.12 that  $T$  is Hilbert-Schmidt, and in particular (see comment in Proposition 9.12, or refer to Proposition 9.11)  $T$  is compact. 

- (b) Show that  $T = T^*$ .

*Proof.* Start by recognizing by simple inspection that  $K(s, t) = K(t, s)$ . Indeed: if  $t \leq s$ , then

$$K(s, t) = (1 - s)t = K(t, s),$$

whereas if  $s < t$  then

$$K(s, t) = (1 - t)s = K(t, s).$$

In combination with Fubini's theorem this yields

$$\begin{aligned} \langle Tf, g \rangle &= \int_{[0,1]} \int_{[0,1]} K(s, t) f(t) dm(t) \overline{g(s)} dm(s) \\ &= \int_{[0,1]} f(t) \int_{[0,1]} K(s, t) \overline{g(s)} dm(s) dm(t) \\ &= \int_{[0,1]} f(t) \int_{[0,1]} K(t, s) g(s) dm(s) dm(t) = \langle f, Tg \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

*why is Fubini justified?*

where we also implicitly used that  $K$  was real-valued, and thus taking its conjugate wouldn't affect its value. We conclude that  $T = T^*$ .  $\square$

- (c) Show that

$$(Tf)(s) = (1 - s) \int_{[0,s]} tf(t) dm(t) + s \int_{[s,1]} (1 - t) f(t) dm(t), \quad s \in [0, 1], f \in H.$$

Use this to show that  $Tf$  is continuous on  $[0, 1]$ , and that  $(Tf)(0) = (Tf)(1) = 0$ .

*Proof.* The first part can be established via straight-forward calculations - we start splitting the integrals into two parts:

$$(Tf)(s) = \int_{[0,1]} K(s, t) f(t) dm(t) = \int_{[0,s]} K(s, t) f(t) dm(t) + \int_{(s,1]} K(s, t) f(t) dm(t),$$

and then simply evaluate  $K(s, t)$  in the two respective domains  $t \in [0, s]$  and  $t \in (s, 1]$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{[0,s]} K(s, t) f(t) dm(t) + \int_{(s,1]} K(s, t) f(t) dm(t) \\ &= \int_{[0,s]} (1-s)t f(t) dm(t) + \int_{(s,1]} (1-t)s f(t) dm(t) \\ &= (1-s) \int_{[0,s]} t f(t) dm(t) + s \int_{(s,1]} (1-t) f(t) dm(t), \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

which is the expression we wanted (Note: whether or not the singleton  $\{s\}$  is included in the latter integral domain is irrelevant since it is a Lebesgue null set).

The purpose of rewriting  $(Tf)(s)$  in this manner is to remove the dependence on  $s$  from the integrands. Because now we notice that (6) is a composition of continuous functions:  $(1-s)$  and  $s$  are clearly continuous, while we know from Analysis 2 that maps of the form  $s \mapsto \int_{[0,s]} t f(t) dm(t)$  and  $s \mapsto \int_{(s,1]} (1-t) f(t) dm(t)$  are continuous. We conclude that  $Tf$  is continuous on  $[0, 1]$ . Alternatively one could have applied the continuity lemma (Theorem 12.4, Schilling).

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Proof.

Finally we simply plug in the values 0 and 1 to conclude

How?

$$\begin{aligned} (Tf)(0) &= (1-0) \int_{[0,0]} t f(t) dm(t) + 0 \cdot \int_{(0,1]} (1-t) f(t) dm(t) = 0 + 0 \\ &= 0 \\ &= 0 + 0 = (1-1) \int_{[0,1]} t f(t) dm(t) + 1 \cdot \int_{(1,1]} (1-t) f(t) dm(t) = (Tf)(1). \end{aligned}$$

□

**Problem 4:** Consider the Schwarz space  $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$  and view the Fourier transform as a linear map  $\mathcal{F} : \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$ .

- (a) For each integer  $k \geq 0$ , set  $g_k(x) = x^k e^{-x^2/2}$ , for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Justify that  $g_k \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$  for all integers  $k \geq 0$ , and compute  $\mathcal{F}(g_k)$  for  $k = 0, 1, 2, 3$ .

First we note that  $x \mapsto \frac{|x|}{\sqrt{2}} := \|x\|_0$  is a norm; indeed it is simply a scaled version of the Euclidean norm. Then it follows from HW7-P1 that the function

$$f(x) := e^{-x^2/2} = e^{-\left(\frac{|x|}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^2} = e^{-\|x\|_0^2}$$

is a Schwartz function. It furthermore follows from HW7-P1(a) that  $g_k = x^k f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$  for all integers  $k \geq 0$ , and from HW7-P1(c) that the  $g_k \in L_1(\mathbb{R})$  for all  $k \geq 0$ . Thus we are in a position to apply Proposition 11.13(d) to calculate the Fourier transforms. We know from Proposition 11.4 that  $\hat{f}(\xi) = f(\xi) = e^{-\xi^2/2}$ , so let us



start by calculating  $\partial^k \hat{f}$  for  $k = 1, 2, 3$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \hat{f}(\xi) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} e^{-\xi^2/2} = -\xi e^{-\xi^2/2} \\ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \xi^2} \hat{f}(\xi) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} (-\xi e^{-\xi^2/2}) = -e^{-\xi^2/2} - \xi(-\xi e^{-\xi^2/2}) = (\xi^2 - 1)e^{-\xi^2/2} \\ \frac{\partial^3}{\partial \xi^3} \hat{f}(\xi) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} ((\xi^2 - 1)e^{-\xi^2/2}) = 2\xi e^{-\xi^2/2} + (\xi^2 - 1)(-\xi)e^{-\xi^2/2} = (3 - \xi^2)\xi e^{-\xi^2/2}.\end{aligned}$$

With the above calculations in mind, we now apply Proposition 11.13(d) and find that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{F}(g_0) &= g_0 = e^{-\xi^2/2} \\ \mathcal{F}(g_1) &= i^{[1]} \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \hat{f}(\xi) = -i\xi e^{-\xi^2/2} \\ \mathcal{F}(g_2) &= i^{[2]} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \xi^2} \hat{f}(\xi) = (1 - \xi^2)e^{-\xi^2/2} \\ \mathcal{F}(g_3) &= i^{[3]} \frac{\partial^3}{\partial \xi^3} \hat{f}(\xi) = i(\xi^2 - 3)\xi e^{-\xi^2/2},\end{aligned}$$

where the calculation of  $\mathcal{F}(g_0)$  was just a reminder of Proposition 11.4.

- (b) Find non-zero functions  $h_k \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$  such that  $\mathcal{F}(h_k) = i^k h_k$ , for  $k = 0, 1, 2, 3$ .

After some tinkering one comes to the realisation that the functions

$$\begin{aligned}h_0 &:= g_0 = e^{-x^2/2} \\ h_1 &:= g_3 - \frac{3}{2}g_1 = x^3 e^{-x^2/2} - \frac{3}{2}x e^{-x^2/2} = (x^2 - \frac{3}{2})x e^{-x^2/2} \\ h_2 &:= g_0 - 2g_2 = e^{-x^2/2} - 2(1 - x^2)e^{-x^2/2} = (1 - 2x^2)e^{-x^2/2} \\ h_3 &:= g_1 = x e^{-x^2/2}\end{aligned}$$

satisfy the desired conditions. Let us verify this using linearity of the Fourier transform and our previous calculations:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{F}(h_0) &= \mathcal{F}(g_0) = e^{-\xi^2/2} = i^0 e^{-\xi^2/2} = i^0 h_0(\xi) \\ \mathcal{F}(h_1) &= \mathcal{F}(g_3) - \frac{3}{2}\mathcal{F}(g_1) = i(\xi^2 - 3)\xi e^{-\xi^2/2} - \frac{3}{2}(-i\xi e^{-\xi^2/2}) = i(\xi^2 - \frac{3}{2})\xi e^{-\xi^2/2} = i h_1(\xi) \\ \mathcal{F}(h_2) &= \mathcal{F}(g_0) - 2\mathcal{F}(g_2) = e^{-\xi^2/2} - 2(1 - \xi^2)e^{-\xi^2/2} = -(1 - 2\xi^2)e^{-\xi^2/2} = i^2 h_2(\xi) \\ \mathcal{F}(h_3) &= \mathcal{F}(g_1) = -i\xi e^{-\xi^2/2} = i^3 h_3(\xi).\end{aligned}$$

- (c) Show that  $\mathcal{F}^4(f) = f$  for all  $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$ .

Consider first  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{F}(f))$ :

$$\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{F}(f)(y))(\xi) = \int \int f(x) e^{-ixy} dm(x) e^{-iy\xi} dm(y).$$

Now substitute  $x = -z$  and use the fact that the Lebesgue measure is invariant under this rotation (or *reflection* if you prefer, see Analysis 2) and thus

$$\begin{aligned} \int \int f(x) e^{-ixy} dm(x) e^{-iy\xi} dm(y) &= \int \int f(-z) e^{izy} dm(z) e^{-iy\xi} dm(y) \\ &= \int \int S_{-1}f(z) e^{izy} dm(z) e^{-iy\xi} dm(y). \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

where  $S_{-1}$  is defined on page 62. The above is simply the Fourier transform of the *inverse* Fourier transform of the function  $S_{-1}f$ . But since  $f$  is assumed to be a Schwartz function, then  $S_{-1}f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$  by *HW7-P1(d)*, and then it follows from Corollary 12.12(iii) that

$$\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{F}(f))(\xi) = \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{F}^*(S_{-1}f))(\xi) = S_{-1}f(\xi).$$

Then simply apply this transformation once again to yield

$$\mathcal{F}^4(f) = \mathcal{F}^2(\mathcal{F}^2(f)) = S_{-1}S_{-1}f = f.$$

- (d) Use (c) to show that if  $f \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R})$  is non-zero and  $\mathcal{F}(f) = \lambda f$  for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ , then  $\lambda \in \{1, i, -1, -i\}$ . Conclude that the eigenvalues of  $\mathcal{F}$  are  $\{1, i, -1, -i\}$ .

Given the above assumptions we have  $\mathcal{F}^4(f) = \lambda^4 f = f$ , which implies  $(\lambda^4 - 1)f = 0$ , which in turn implies  $\lambda^4 = 1$  since  $f$  was assumed to be non-negative. The only solutions to this complex polynomial equation are  $1, i, -1$  and  $-i$ , so *if*  $\mathcal{F}$  has any eigenvalues  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ , then we must have  $\lambda \in \{1, i, -1, -i\}$ . But we showed in *MA2-P4(b)* that these *are* indeed eigenvalues, since  $1 \cdot h_0, i \cdot h_1, -1 \cdot h_2, -i \cdot h_3$  were precisely the values such that  $\mathcal{F}(h_0) = 1 \cdot h_0, \mathcal{F}(h_1) = i \cdot h_1, \mathcal{F}(h_2) = -1 \cdot h_2, \mathcal{F}(h_3) = -i \cdot h_3$ , and so we conclude that the eigenvalues of  $\mathcal{F}$  are precisely  $\{1, i, -1, -i\}$ .

**Problem 5:** Let  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  be a dense subset of  $[0, 1]$  and consider the Radon measure  $\mu = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^{-n} \delta_{x_n}$  on  $[0, 1]$ . Show that  $\text{supp}(\mu) = [0, 1]$ .

*Proof.* Recall from *HW8-P3(a)* that the support of  $\mu$  is defined as the *complement* to the set  $N :=$  "the union of all open subsets  $U \subset [0, 1]$  such that  $\mu(U) = 0$ ". To conclude that  $\text{supp}(\mu) = [0, 1]$  it suffices to show that *no* open subsets of  $[0, 1]$  have measure zero, because then  $N$  would clearly be empty, in which case  $\text{supp}(\mu) = N^c = \emptyset^c = [0, 1]$ .

Let  $U \subset [0, 1]$  be an open set, and let us show that  $\mu(U) > 0$ . Because  $U$  is open, there exists a compact subset  $K := [a, b] \subset U$  for some  $0 < a < b < 1$ . Consider some element in  $K^\circ$  – for instance  $x := (a + b)/2$  – and note that  $x$  can be approximated arbitrarily well via elements in  $(x_n)_{n \geq 1}$  due to the denseness assumption. In particular there must exist  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $|x - x_N| \leq (b - a)/2$ , i.e. such that  $x_N \in K \subset U$ . Radon measures satisfy the *inner regularity* condition, so we can now bound the  $\mu$ -measure of  $U$  from below via the calculation

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(U) &= \sup\{\mu(C) : C \text{ compact}, C \subset U\} \geq \mu(K) \\ &= \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} 2^{-n} \delta_{x_n}(K) \geq 2^{-N} \delta_{x_N}(K) = 2^{-N} > 0, \end{aligned}$$

where we used that  $K$  (by construction) was <sup>non-empty</sup> a compact subset of  $U$ . This concludes the proof, as we have shown that any given open set  $U \subset [0, 1]$  will have a measure  $\mu(U) > 0$ , and hence not contribute to the union defining  $N$ . ✓

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