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Problem 1:

(a).

$\mathcal{D}$ : A sequence  $\{\phi_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset \mathcal{D}$  converges to some  $\phi \in \mathcal{D}$  iff.

$\|\phi_n^{(m)} - \phi^{(m)}\|_{L^m} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for every fixed  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and

$\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \text{supp}(\phi_n - \phi) \subset [-k, k]$ . Some  $k > 0$ .

$\mathcal{D}'$ : A sequence of distribution  $\{T_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset \mathcal{D}'$  converges to some distribution  $T$  in  $\mathcal{D}'$  if  $\langle T_n, \phi \rangle \rightarrow \langle T, \phi \rangle$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for every  $\phi \in \mathcal{D}$ .

(b). 
$$\phi(x) := \begin{cases} e^{-(1-|x|^2)^{-1}}, & |x| < 1 \\ 0 & |x| \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

(c). " $\Rightarrow$ "  $\psi(0) = 0 \cdot \phi(0) = 0$   ~~$\psi'(0) = \text{min}$~~

~~$\psi(0) =$~~   
 $\psi(x) = x^2 \phi'(x) + 2x \phi(x) \quad \psi(0) = 0.$

" $\Leftarrow$ " we may define  $\phi(x) = \frac{1}{x^2} \psi(x).$

since  $\psi \in \mathcal{D}$ .

the support of  $\phi(x)$  is the same as the support of  $\psi(x)$ .

$\phi(x)$  is well defined

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \phi(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\psi(x)}{x^2} \stackrel{L'H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\psi'(x)}{2x} \stackrel{L'H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\psi''(x)}{2} = \frac{\psi''(0)}{2}.$$

similarly  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \phi^{(n)}(x) = \frac{\psi^{(n+2)}(0)}{(n+2)!}.$

so  $\phi$  is smooth  $C^\infty$  since  $\psi \in C^\infty$ .

$$= C_1 \langle \delta, \phi \rangle + C_2 \langle \delta', \phi \rangle$$

$$= C_1 \langle \delta, \phi \rangle - C_2 \langle \delta', \phi \rangle$$

$$= \langle C_1 \delta - C_2 \delta', \phi \rangle \quad \text{for any } \phi.$$

$$\therefore T = C_1 \delta - C_2 \delta' \quad \text{where } C_1 = \langle T, \phi_0(x) \rangle$$

$$C_2 = \langle T, x \phi_0(x) \rangle$$

$\delta$  is the Dirac-Delta distribution.

(d). Choose test function  $\phi_0 \in \mathcal{D}$ .

$\phi_0(x) = 1$  on  $[-1, 1]$  and 0 otherwise.

For any test function  $\phi \in \mathcal{D}$ , we decompose it as.

$$\phi(x) = \phi(0) \phi_0(x) + x \phi'(0) \phi_0(x) + \psi(x)$$

$$\text{where } \psi(x) = \phi(x) - \phi(0) \phi_0(x) - x \phi'(0) \phi_0(x).$$

check

$$\psi(0) = \phi(0) - \phi(0) \cdot 1 - 0 = 0.$$

$$\psi'(0) = \phi'(0) - \phi(0) \cdot 0 - \underbrace{\phi'(0) \cdot \phi_0(0)}_1 - 0 \cdot \phi'(0) - 0 = 0.$$

so  $\psi(x) = x^2 \varphi(x)$  for some  $\varphi(x) \in \mathcal{D}$ .

Since  $x^2 T = 0$ , then  $0 = \langle x^2 T, \varphi \rangle = \langle T, x^2 \varphi \rangle$ .

It means,

For any  $\phi$

$$\langle T, \psi \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow \langle T, \phi \rangle = \underbrace{\phi(0) \langle T, \phi_0(x) \rangle}_{C_1} - \underbrace{\phi'(0) \langle T, x \phi_0(x) \rangle}_{C_2}$$

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problem 2:

(a) Let  $f \in C[0,1]$ . Then, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we can find a polynomial  $p$  such that  $\|f - p\|_{C[0,1]} < \varepsilon$ .

(b). For any  $f \in L^2_w[0,1]$

$$\|f\|_{L^2_w}^2 = \int_0^1 |f(x)|^2 w(x) dx \geq \min_{x \in [0,1]} w(x) \int_0^1 |f(x)|^2 dx.$$

$$\text{so } \|f\|_{L^2_w}^2 \leq \frac{1}{\min_{x \in [0,1]} w(x)} \cdot \|f\|_{L^2_w[0,1]}^2 < \infty.$$

since  $C[0,1]$  is dense in  $L^2_w[0,1]$ , then for any  $f \in L^2_w[0,1] \subseteq L^2[0,1]$ .

$\varepsilon > 0$ , one can find a continuous function  $g \in C[0,1]$  s.t.

$$\|f - g\|_{L^2} < (4\|w\|_\infty)^{-1/2} \varepsilon$$

since polynomial is dense in  $C[0,1]$  (Stone-Weierstrass).

$$\|g - p\|_{C[0,1]} \leq (4\|w\|_\infty)^{-1/2} \varepsilon$$

$$\text{so } \|f - p\|_{L^2_w[0,1]}^2 = \int_0^1 |f(x) - p(x)|^2 w(x) dx \leq \|w\|_{C[0,1]} (2\|f - g\|_{L^2}^2 + 2\|g - p\|_{L^2}^2)$$

$$\leq \|w\|_{L^\infty} \cdot 2 \cdot (\|f-g\|_{L^2}^2 + \|g-p\|_{C[0,1]}^2).$$

$$\leq \|w\|_{L^\infty} \cdot 2 \cdot \left( \frac{1}{4\|w\|_{L^\infty}} \varepsilon^2 + \frac{1}{4\|w\|_{L^\infty}} \varepsilon^2 \right)$$

$$= 2\|w\|_{L^\infty} \cdot \frac{1}{2\|w\|_{L^\infty}} \varepsilon^2 = \varepsilon^2$$

$$\therefore \|f-p\|_{L_w^2[0,1]} < \varepsilon.$$

so  $\mathcal{P}$  is dense in  $L_w^2[0,1]$ .

(c) Completeness: Lecture Notes: Orthonormal Sets and expansions.

Proposition:

Let  $\mathcal{D}$  be a dense subset of  $\mathcal{H}$ . An o.n set  $\mathcal{U}$  is complete if and only if  $\mathcal{D} \subset \mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{U}}$ , where  $\mathcal{H}_{\mathcal{U}} = \{g \in \mathcal{H} : g = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} a_j u_j\}$ .

$\mathcal{D}$ :  $\mathcal{P}$  the set of polynomials.

$\mathcal{H}$ :  $L_w^2[0,1]$

$\mathcal{U} := \{p_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$

It's clear that  $\mathcal{P} \subset \text{span}\{p_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  and  $\mathcal{P}$  is dense in  $L_w^2[0,1]$

Hence,  $\mathcal{U}$  is complete.

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problem 3.

(a). suppose not. Then we may select a subsequence  $\{\phi_{n_j}\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$  of  $\{\phi_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  for which  $\|K\phi_{n_j}\| \geq \alpha > 0$  for all  $j$ .

Because  $K$  is compact, we can also select a subsequence  $\{\phi_{n_{j_k}}\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  such that  $K\phi_{n_{j_k}} \rightarrow \psi \in \mathcal{H}$ .

So we have  $\|K\phi_{n_{j_k}}\| \rightarrow \|\psi\| \geq \alpha > 0$ .

Next, note that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \langle K\phi_{n_{j_k}}, \psi \rangle = \|\psi\|^2$$

However

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \langle K\phi_{n_{j_k}}, \psi \rangle = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \langle \phi_{n_{j_k}}, K^* \psi \rangle \stackrel{(\text{by Bessel's inequality})}{=} 0$$

Thus  $\|\psi\|^2 = 0$  Contradiction!

Review:

Bessel's inequality. If  $\{\phi_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is any orthonormal sequence, then for any  $v \in \mathcal{H}$ .

$$\text{we have } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\langle \phi_n, v \rangle|^2 \leq \|v\|^2 < \infty.$$

$$\text{So it implies } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\langle \phi_n, v \rangle|^2 = 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\langle \phi_n, v \rangle| = 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle \phi_n, v \rangle = 0.$$

(b). We first compute

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-|x-y|^2} u(y) dy = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-|x-y|^2/2} u(y) e^{-|x-y|^2/2} dy.$$

$$\stackrel{CS}{\leq} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-|x-y|^2} u(y)^2 dy \right)^{1/2} \underbrace{\left( \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-|x-y|^2} dy \right)^{1/2}}_{\text{compute.}}$$

$$= \left( \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-|x-y|^2} u(y)^2 dy \right)^{1/2} \cdot (\sqrt{\pi})^{1/2}$$

$$\|Tu\|_{L^2}^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} T u(x)^2 dx \leq \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-|x-y|^2} u(y)^2 dy \cdot \sqrt{\pi} dx$$

$$\stackrel{\text{Fubini}}{=} \sqrt{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{-|x-y|^2} dx u(y)^2 dy$$

$$= \pi \|u\|_{L^2}^2 \quad T \text{ is Bounded.}$$



$$(c) \quad T\phi_j = \int_j^{j+1} e^{-|x-y|^2} dy.$$

$$\|T\phi_j\|_{L^2}^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left( \int_j^{j+1} e^{-|x-y|^2} dy \right)^2 dx$$

$$\stackrel{\text{let } t=y-j}{=} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left( \int_0^1 e^{-|x-t-j|^2} dt \right)^2 dx$$

$$\stackrel{u=x-j}{=} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left( \int_0^1 e^{-|u-t|^2} dt \right)^2 du$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (T\phi_0)^2 dx = \|T\phi_0\|^2$$

(d). Suppose  $T$  is compact, by part (a)

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} T\phi_j = 0 \quad \therefore \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \|T\phi_j\| = 0.$$

$$\text{But} \quad \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \|T\phi_j\| = \|T\phi_0\| \neq 0. \quad \text{Contradiction!}$$

So  $T$  is not compact.

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# problem 4

(a). For any  $u \in D_L$  and  $v \in D_{L^*}$ .

$$\langle Lu, v \rangle = \underbrace{\int_1^2 x^2 u''(x) v(x) dx}_{(1)} + \underbrace{\int_1^2 2x u'(x) v(x) - 2u(x) v(x) dx}_{(2)}$$

$$= \underbrace{x^2 v(x) u'(x) \Big|_1^2}_{(2)} - \int_1^2 u'(x) 2x v(x) + u'(x) x^2 v'(x) dx + \int_1^2 2x u'(x) v(x) - 2u(x) v(x) dx$$

$$= 4v(2)u'(2) - \underbrace{\frac{v(1)u'(1)}{0}}_0 + \underbrace{\int_1^2 u'(x) x^2 v'(x) dx}_{(3)} - \int_1^2 2u(x) v(x) dx$$

$$= 4v(2)u'(2) + \underbrace{x^2 v'(x) u(x) \Big|_1^2}_{(4)} + \int_1^2 2x v'(x) u(x) + x^2 v''(x) u(x) - 2u(x) v(x) dx$$

$$= \underbrace{4v(2)u'(2)}_{\frac{0}{0}} - \cancel{\underbrace{4v'(2)u(2)}_{\frac{0}{0}}} + \underbrace{\frac{v'(1)u(1)}{0}}_{\frac{0}{0}} + \int_1^2 \underbrace{[x^2 v''(x) + 2x v'(x) - 2v(x)]}_{L^*v} u(x) dx$$

~~Let  $L^*v =$~~

$$D_{L^*} = \{u \in L^2[0, 2] : v'(1) = 0, v(2) = 0\}.$$

$$L^*v = \int x^2 v''(x) + 2x v'(x) - 2v(x)$$

$$L = L^*.$$

$$(b). G(x, y) = \begin{cases} \alpha_1(y)x + \alpha_2(y)x^{-2}, & 1 \leq x \leq y \leq 2 \\ \beta_1(y)x + \beta_2(y)x^{-2}, & 1 \leq y \leq x \leq 2. \end{cases}$$

Boundary Condition:

$$\partial_x G(1, y) = \alpha_1(y) + (-2) \cdot \alpha_2(y) = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\alpha_1(y) = 2\alpha_2(y)}$$

$$G(2, y) = 2\beta_1(y) + \frac{1}{4}\beta_2(y) = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\beta_1(y) = -\frac{1}{8}\beta_2(y)}$$

Continuity Condition:

$$\alpha_1(y) \cdot y + \alpha_2(y) \cdot y^{-2} = \beta_1(y) \cdot y + \beta_2(y) \cdot y^{-2}$$

$$\boxed{\alpha_2(y) (2y + y^{-2}) = \beta_2(y) \left(-\frac{1}{8}y + y^{-2}\right)}$$

Jump Condition:

$$\partial_x G(y^+, y) - \partial_x G(y^-, y) = \frac{1}{\alpha_2(y)} = \frac{1}{y^2}$$

$$\beta_1(y) + (-2)\beta_2(y)y^{-3} - \alpha_1(y) - (-2)\alpha_2(y)y^{-3} = \frac{1}{y^2}$$

$$\beta_1(y)y^3 - 2\beta_2(y) - \alpha_1(y)y^3 + 2\alpha_2(y) = y.$$

$$\boxed{-\frac{1}{8}\beta_2(y)y^3 - 2\beta_2(y) - 2\alpha_2(y)y^3 + 2\alpha_2(y) = y.}$$

$$\beta_2(y) = \frac{y(2y+y^{-2})}{(-\frac{1}{8}y^3-2)(2y+y^{-2}) - (-\frac{1}{8}y+y^{-2})(2y^3-2)}$$

$$\alpha_2(y) = \frac{y(-\frac{1}{8}y+y^{-2})}{(-\frac{1}{8}y^3-2)(2y+y^{-2}) - (-\frac{1}{8}y+y^{-2})(2y^3-2)}$$

$$G(x,y) = \begin{cases} \alpha_2(y) (2x+x^{-2}), & 0 \leq x \leq y \leq 2 \\ \beta_2(y) (-\frac{1}{8}x+x^{-2}), & 1 \leq y \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

$G(x,y)$  is continuous and hence in  $L^2([1,2] \times [1,2])$

so  $K$  is Hilbert-Schmidt kernel and hence compact.

$G(x,y) = G(y,x) \Rightarrow K$  is self-adjoint.

(c). Spectral Theorem:

Let  $K$  be a compact, self-adjoint operator. Then, from among the eigenvectors of  $K$ , including those for  $\lambda=0$ , we may select an orthonormal basis for  $\mathcal{H}$ .

$K = L^{-1}$  is compact and self-adjoint, then by spectral theorem, one may select an orthonormal basis for  $\mathcal{H}$ , denoted by  $\{\phi_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  and

$\{\lambda_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  are corresponding eigenvalues.

②  $K=L^{-1}$  is invertible, so  $K$  has no zero eigenvalues.

Then we set  $\mu_n = -1/\lambda_n$ .

Since  $\lambda_n \phi_n = K \phi_n$ , then we apply  $L$  to both sides.

$$\lambda_n L \phi_n = \phi_n \Rightarrow L \phi_n = -1/\lambda_n \phi_n = \mu_n \phi_n.$$

$\therefore \{\phi_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  are eigenvectors of  $L$ , also forms a complete orthonormal set.