

1 Prove that the given set of functions converges weakly but not strongly

Consider $\mathcal{X} = C[0, 1]$, the Banach Space of continuous functions on $[0, 1]$ with the supremum norm.

Consider sequence of functions $(f_n)_{n \geq 2}$, where

$$f_n(x) = \begin{cases} xn & 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{n} \\ 2 - nx & \frac{1}{n} < x \leq \frac{2}{n} \\ 0 & \frac{2}{n} < x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

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(Starts at 0, goes up to 1 at $1/n$, down to 0 at $2/n$, and stays flat from there).

Denote $z \in \mathcal{X}$ as function $z(x) = 0$ for $0 \leq x \leq 1$.

Claim is that $f_n \rightharpoonup z$, but that $f_n \not\rightarrow z$.

First, $\|f_n - z\| = \|f_n\| = 1$ for all n , so f_n does not converge to z (TODO: Prove it doesn't converge at all?)

Now, to show that $f_n \rightharpoonup 0$, we have to show that for every bounded linear functional L on \mathcal{X} , $L(f_n) \rightarrow 0$

A linear functional L_g indexed by an $g \in \mathcal{X}$ is given by $L_g(f) = \int |fg| dx$.

Define \hat{f}_n as the function on $0 \leq x \leq 1$ that is 1 from $0 \leq x \leq 2/n$ and 0 onward. This function is not continuous so not in \mathcal{X} , but is strictly larger than f_n .

Take an arbitrary L_{g_0} . We will prove that $\int |\hat{f}_n g_0| dx \rightarrow 0$, which will imply $\int |f_n g_0| dx \rightarrow 0$, and thus all bounded linear functionals converge to z .

g_0 achieves its maximum M on $0 \leq x \leq 1$, thus the value of $\int |f_n g_0| dx$ is broken into two parts: $0 \leq x \leq 2/n$ where it is bounded by $(2/n)M$, and $2/n \leq x \leq 1$, where it is 0. As $n \rightarrow \infty$, $(2/n)M \rightarrow 0$.