

Problem 1. $C^1([a, b])$ is Banach space.

Proof. Given a Cauchy sequence (f_n) in $C^1([a, b])$, i.e., for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists a N such that $n, m \geq N$, we have

$$\|f_n - f_m\| = \|f_n - f_m\|_\infty + \|f'_n - f'_m\|_\infty \leq \varepsilon,$$

which yields (f_n) and (f'_n) are Cauchy sequence in $C([a, b])$. Since $C([a, b])$ is complete, then there exist f and g in $C([a, b])$ such that

$$\|f_n - f\|_\infty \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \|f'_n - g\|_\infty \rightarrow 0,$$

which implies for any $x \in [a, b]$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = f(x)$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f'_n(x) = g(x)$. What left to prove is $f' = g$.

For each n , by the fundamental theorem of calculus, we have

$$f_n(x) - f_n(a) = \int_a^x f'_n(t) dt.$$

By the uniform convergence of f'_n , we have

$$\left| \int_a^x f'_n(t) dt - \int_a^x g(t) dt \right| \leq \int_a^x |f'_n(t) - g(t)| dt \leq \varepsilon |x - a| \rightarrow 0.$$

Therefore,

$$f(x) - f(a) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) - f_n(a) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^x f'_n(t) dt = \int_a^x g(t) dt.$$

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Problem 2. Dini's monotone convergence theorem.

Proof. Let $g_n(x) = f_n(x) - f(x) \in C([0, 1])$ and $U_n = \{x \in [0, 1] : g_n(x) < \varepsilon\}$ is open in $[0, 1]$. Furthermore, $U_1 \subset U_2 \subset \cdots$ by the monotone decreasing.

For each $x \in [0, 1]$, since $g_n(x) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, so each x is in some U_n . That is, $[0, 1] \subset \bigcup U_n$. Then there exists a finite subcover such that $[0, 1] \subset \bigcup_{k=1}^N U_{n_k} = U_{n_N} \subset U_n \subset [0, 1]$, for all $n \geq n_N$.

For any $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists a n_N such that for $n \geq n_N$ we have $f_n(x) - f(x) < \varepsilon$ for all $x \in [0, 1]$. That is, f_n converges uniformly to f . □

Problem 3.

Proof.

- Step 1 : Set of polynomials with rational coefficients is countable.

Let $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ denote the set of polynomials with rational coefficients. Define a map $f : \mathbb{Q}[x] \mapsto \mathbb{Q}$ by $f(a_0 + a_1x + \cdots + a_nx^n) = 2^{a_0}3^{a_1} \cdots p_n^{a_n}$, where p_n is the n -th odd prime. Since f is injective and \mathbb{Q} is countable, $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ is countable.

Step 2: Set of polynomials with rational coefficients is dense in the set of polynomials with respect to $\|\cdot\|_\infty$, which is from \mathbb{Q} is dense in \mathbb{R} and take supremum.

Step 3: Set of polynomials with rational coefficients is one countable dense subset in $C[0, 1]$, since by Weierstrass approximation, the set of polynomials is dense in $C([0, 1])$.

- Let $f_x(y) = 1$ if $y \neq x$ and $f_x(y) = 0$ if $y = x$.

Thus $(f_x)_{x \in [0,1]}$ is bounded and thus is a subspace of $B([0,1])$. Note $\|f_x - f_y\|_\infty = 1$ if $x \neq y$. Thus (f_x) is not separable.

Recall every subspace of a separable metric space is separable. Thus it is impossible to have $B([0,1])$ separable.

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Problem 4.

Proof. Since the set of polynomials is dense in $C([0,1])$, for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there exist a polynomial $p(x)$ such that $\|f - p\|_\infty < \varepsilon$, thus $|f(x) - p(x)| \leq \|f - p\|_\infty \leq \varepsilon$ for any $x \in [0,1]$.

Since $\int_0^1 f(x)x^n dx = 0$, then $\int_0^1 f(x)p(x) dx = 0$. So

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 f(x)f(x) dx &= \int_0^1 f(x)f(x) dx - \int_0^1 f(x)p(x) dx = \int_0^1 f(x)(f(x) - p(x)) dx \\ &\leq \int_0^1 |f(x)||f(x) - p(x)| dx \\ &\leq \varepsilon \int_0^1 |f(x)| dx \rightarrow 0, \end{aligned}$$

which yields that $f(x) = 0$ on $[0,1]$.

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Problem 5.

Proof.

- For any $f \in C([0,1])$, $f \circ \sqrt{\cdot} \in C([0,1])$. Since the set of polynomial is dense in $C([0,1])$, there exists a polynomial $p(x)$ such that $|f(\sqrt{x}) - p(x)| \leq \|f \circ \sqrt{\cdot} - p\|_\infty \leq \varepsilon$ for any $x \in [0,1]$.

Let $y = \sqrt{x} \in [0,1]$, then $f(\sqrt{x}) = f(y)$ and $p(x) = p(y^2) = q(y)$ for some even power polynomial $q(y) \in P^{\text{even}}([0,1])$. Thus

$$\|f - q\|_\infty = \sup_{y \in [0,1]} |f(y) - q(y)| = \sup_{x \in [0,1]} |f(\sqrt{x}) - p(x)| \leq \varepsilon,$$

which implies that $P^{\text{even}}([0,1])$ is dense in $(C([0,1]), \|\cdot\|_\infty)$.

- No, it is not.

For example, let $f(x) = x$ on $[-1,1]$. Suppose there is a polynomial $q(x) \in P^{\text{even}}([-1,1])$ such that $\|f - q\|_\infty \leq \varepsilon$, i.e., $|q(x) - x| \leq \varepsilon < 1$ for any $x \in [-1,1]$. Take $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{2}$, then for any $x \in [-1,1]$, $-\frac{1}{2} + x < q(x) < \frac{1}{2} + x$. So $-\frac{3}{2} < q(-1) < -\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{2} < q(1) < \frac{3}{2}$, contradicted with $q(1) = q(-1)$.

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