

Functional Analysis and Applications IV- Revision Class

Exercise 1. (a) State the Hahn-Banach theorem.

(b) Let \mathcal{X} be a Banach space over a field \mathbb{F} . For a given $0 \neq x \in \mathcal{X}$ define

$$\tilde{f}_x : \text{span}\{x\} \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$$

by $\tilde{f}_x(\alpha x) = \alpha \|x\|$ where $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}$. Show that \tilde{f}_x is a linear functional and that $\|\tilde{f}_x\|_{\text{span}\{x\}^*} = 1$.

(c) Prove that for any $0 \neq x \in \mathcal{X}$ there exists $f_x \in \mathcal{X}^*$ such that $f_x(x) = \|x\|$ and $\|f_x\|_{\mathcal{X}^*} = 1$.

Solution. (a) Let \mathcal{X} be a normed space and let \mathcal{Y} be a subspace of \mathcal{X} . Assume that g is a bounded linear functional on \mathcal{Y} . Then there exists a bounded linear extension of g , \tilde{g} , to all of \mathcal{X} such that $\|g\|_{\mathcal{Y}^*} = \|\tilde{g}\|_{\mathcal{X}^*}$, where

$$\|g\|_{\mathcal{Y}^*} = \begin{cases} \sup_{y \in \mathcal{Y}, y \neq 0} \frac{|g(y)|}{\|y\|} & \mathcal{Y} \neq \{0\} \\ 0 & \mathcal{Y} = \{0\} \end{cases}.$$

(b) Since $\{x\}$ is a basis for $\text{span}\{x\}$ we know that each vector in $\text{span}\{x\}$ can be written uniquely as αx for some $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}$. Thus, \tilde{f}_x is well defined. Moreover

$$\tilde{f}_x(\alpha_1 x + \alpha_2 x) = (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) \|x\| = \alpha_1 \|x\| + \alpha_2 \|x\| = \tilde{f}_x(\alpha_1 x) + \tilde{f}_x(\alpha_2 x)$$

and for any $\beta \in \mathbb{F}$

$$\tilde{f}_x(\beta(\alpha x)) = \tilde{f}_x((\beta\alpha)x) = (\beta\alpha) \|x\| = \beta(\alpha \|x\|) = \beta \tilde{f}_x(\alpha x)$$

which shows that \tilde{f}_x is indeed a linear functional.

$$\begin{aligned} \|\tilde{f}_x\|_{\text{span}\{x\}^*} &= \sup_{y \in \text{span}\{x\} \setminus \{0\}} \frac{|\tilde{f}_x(y)|}{\|y\|} = \sup_{\alpha \in \mathbb{F} \setminus \{0\}} \frac{|\tilde{f}_x(\alpha x)|}{\|\alpha x\|} \\ &= \sup_{\alpha \in \mathbb{F} \setminus \{0\}} \frac{|\alpha| \|x\|}{|\alpha| \|x\|} = 1. \end{aligned}$$

(c) According to the Hahn-Banach theorem, there exists $f_x \in \mathcal{X}^*$ such that $f_x|_{\text{span}\{x\}} = \tilde{f}_x$ and

$$f_x(x) = \tilde{f}_x(x) = \|x\|.$$

Moreover, the operator norm of f_x equals that of \tilde{f}_x , which shows the second part of the question. □

Exercise 2. Consider the operator $T : \ell_\infty \rightarrow \ell_p$, with $1 \leq p < \infty$, defined by

$$T(\mathbf{a}) = \left(a_1, \frac{a_2}{2^\alpha}, \dots, \frac{a_n}{n^\alpha}, \dots \right).$$

- (a) Show that T is well defined when $\alpha > 1/p$. In that case also show that it is a linear operator and that it is bounded. Is T well defined when $\alpha = 1/p$?
- (b) Show that for *any* $\alpha > 1/p$ the operator T is injective but not surjective.

Solution. (a) For any $\mathbf{a} \in \ell_\infty$ we have that

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \left| \frac{a_n}{n^\alpha} \right|^p = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{|a_n|^p}{n^{\alpha p}} \leq \|\mathbf{a}\|_\infty^p \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{1}{n^{\alpha p}} < \infty$$

since $\alpha p > 1$. This shows that T is well defined and, once we'll show that it is linear, it also shows that

$$\|T\mathbf{a}\|_p \leq \left(\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{1}{n^{\alpha p}} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \|\mathbf{a}\|_\infty$$

which shows that T is bounded with $\|T\| \leq \left(\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{1}{n^{\alpha p}} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$.

Given $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in \ell_\infty$ we have that since $T(\mathbf{a})$ and $T(\mathbf{b})$ are in ℓ_p then

$$\begin{aligned} T(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b}) &= \left(a_1 + b_1, \frac{a_2 + b_2}{2^\alpha}, \dots, \frac{a_n + b_n}{n^\alpha}, \dots \right) \\ &= \left(a_1, \frac{a_2}{2^\alpha}, \dots, \frac{a_n}{n^\alpha}, \dots \right) + \left(b_1, \frac{b_2}{2^\alpha}, \dots, \frac{b_n}{n^\alpha}, \dots \right) = T\mathbf{a} + T\mathbf{b} \end{aligned}$$

and for any $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}$

$$T(\alpha\mathbf{a}) = \left(\alpha a_1, \frac{\alpha a_2}{2^\alpha}, \dots, \frac{\alpha a_n}{n^\alpha}, \dots \right) = \alpha T\mathbf{a},$$

showing the linearity of T .

In the case $\alpha = \frac{1}{p}$ the operator is not defined on ℓ_∞ . Indeed, $\mathbf{a} = (1, 1, 1, \dots) \in \ell_\infty$ but

$$T(\mathbf{a}) = \left(1, \frac{1}{2^{\frac{1}{p}}}, \dots, \frac{1}{n^{\frac{1}{p}}}, \dots \right) \notin \ell_p.$$

- (b) We have that

$$T(\mathbf{a}) = T(\mathbf{b})$$

if and only if $\frac{a_n}{n^\alpha} = \frac{b_n}{n^\alpha}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ (pointwise equality in the sequence space), or equivalently $a_n = b_n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. This implies that $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{b}$ which shows the injectivity.

To show that the map is not surjective we fix $\frac{1}{p} < \beta < \alpha$. As was shown above the vector

$$\mathbf{x} = \left(1, \frac{1}{2^\beta}, \dots, \frac{1}{n^\beta}, \dots \right)$$

belongs to ℓ_p however if $T(\mathbf{a}) = \mathbf{x}$ then $\frac{a_n}{n^\alpha} = \frac{1}{n^\beta}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ or equivalently $a_n = n^{\alpha-\beta}$. Since $\alpha > \beta$ the vector \mathbf{a} can't be in ℓ_∞ , which shows the desired result. \square

Exercise 3. Let \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y} be Banach spaces.

- (a) Define what it means for a linear operator $T : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ to be compact.
 (b) Let $f : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be an unbounded linear functional (where we assume that such a functional exists). For a fixed $0 \neq x_0 \in \mathcal{X}$ let $T : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ be defined by $Tx = f(x)x_0$. Show that T has finite rank (i.e. $\dim(\mathcal{R}(T)) < \infty$) but is not compact.

Solution. (a) T is compact if it maps bounded sets to pre-compact sets.

Equivalently, T is compact if for every bounded sequence $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \mathcal{X}$ the sequence $\{Tx_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \mathcal{Y}$ has a convergent subsequence.

- (b) Since $\mathcal{R}(T) = \text{span}\{x_0\}$ has dimension $1 < \infty$, T has finite rank. Since f is unbounded, we can find a sequence $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \mathcal{X}$ with $\|x_n\| = 1$ and $|f(x_n)| \rightarrow \infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. If T were compact, $\{Tx_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \mathcal{X}$ would have a convergent subsequence, but since $\|Tx_n\| = \|f(x_n)x_0\| = |f(x_n)|\|x_0\| \rightarrow \infty$, this cannot be true. Thus T is not compact. \square

Exercise 4. Let $u : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by $u(x) = (1 + |x|)^{-1}$.

- (a) For which $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ is $u \in W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R})$? (note the change here from $W_0^{1,p}$ in the original exam).
 (b) Give an explicit $f \in H^{-1}(\mathbb{R})$ such that $f(u) = 1$.

Solution. (a) The function u is continuous on \mathbb{R} and differentiable at all $x \neq 0$, with

$$u'(x) = -\text{sgn}(x)(1 + |x|)^{-2}.$$

From this we see that u is Lipschitz and hence from the lectures we know that it is weakly differentiable.

Thus $u \in W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R})$ if and only if $u, u' \in L^p(\mathbb{R})$. Since u is even, this is equivalent to proving that $u, u' \in L^p([0, \infty))$. For $p = \infty$ this is obviously true. Now let $1 \leq p < \infty$. We have

$$\int_0^\infty |u|^p dx = \int_0^\infty (1+x)^{-p} dx = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{p-1}(1+x)^{-p+1} \Big|_{x=0}^{x=\infty} = \frac{1}{p-1}, & p > 1, \\ \log(1+x) \Big|_{x=0}^{x=\infty} = \infty, & p = 1. \end{cases}$$

Thus $u \in L^p(\mathbb{R})$ for $p > 1$ but not for $p = 1$. Note that since $|u'| = |u|^2$, we have $u' \in L^p(\mathbb{R})$ if and only if $u \in L^{2p}(\mathbb{R})$, which is true for all $p > 1/2$. Thus $u \in W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R})$ for all $1 < p \leq \infty$ but not for $p = 1$.

- (b) $H^{-1}(\mathbb{R})$ is the dual space of $H^1(\mathbb{R})$. We can take any $g \in H^{-1}(\mathbb{R})$ with $g(u) \neq 0$ and then define

$$f(v) := \frac{g(v)}{g(u)}, \quad v \in H^1(\mathbb{R}).$$

We know that (from Riesz's Representation Theorem) any $g \in H^{-1}(\mathbb{R})$ is of the form $g(v) = \langle v, h \rangle_{H^1}$ for fixed $h \in H^1(\mathbb{R})$. We can take for example $h = u$, since then $g(u) = \|u\|_{H^1}^2 \geq \|u\|_{L^2}^2 > 0$. Thus

$$f(v) = \frac{\langle v, u \rangle_{H^1}}{\|u\|_{H^1}^2}.$$

□

Exercise 5. Consider the subset $\mathcal{H} \subset \ell_2$ given by

$$\mathcal{H} = \left\{ \mathbf{a} \in \ell_2 \mid \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} n^2 |a_n|^2 < \infty \right\}.$$

- (a) Is \mathcal{H} closed with respect to the norm of ℓ_2 ? Prove your claim.
 (b) Let B be the set

$$B = \left\{ \mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{H} \mid \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} n^2 |a_n|^2 \leq 1 \right\} \subset \mathcal{H}.$$

Show that for any $\mathbf{a} \in B$ we have that

$$\sum_{n \geq N} |a_n|^2 \leq \frac{1}{N^2}$$

and then prove that if $\{\mathbf{a}_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a sequence in B such that

$$(a_n)_j \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} a_j, \quad \forall j \in \mathbb{N}$$

for some $\mathbf{a} \in B$ (component-wise convergence) then

$$\|\mathbf{a}_n - \mathbf{a}\|_{\ell_2} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0.$$

Solution. (a) \mathcal{H} is not closed. Indeed, the sequence $\{\mathbf{a}_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ defined by

$$\mathbf{a}_n = \left(1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \dots, \frac{1}{n}, 0, 0, \dots \right)$$

belongs to \mathcal{H} since

$$\sum_{j \in \mathbb{N}} j^2 |(\mathbf{a}_n)_j|^2 = n$$

and it converges to $\mathbf{a} = \{\frac{1}{n}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ (this follows from the fact that $\{\mathbf{e}_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a Schauder basis for ℓ_2). This sequence is not in \mathcal{H} since

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} n^2 |a_n|^2 = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} 1 = \infty.$$

(b) For any $\mathbf{a} \in B$ we find that

$$\sum_{n \geq N} |a_n|^2 \leq \sum_{n \geq N} \frac{n^2}{N^2} |a_n|^2 \leq \frac{\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} n^2 |a_n|^2}{N^2} \leq \frac{1}{N^2}.$$

Assume now that $\{\mathbf{a}_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in B$ converges component wise to $\mathbf{a} \in B$. Then for any $N \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{a}_n - \mathbf{a}\|^2 &= \sum_{j=1}^N |(a_n)_j - a_j|^2 + \sum_{j=N+1}^{\infty} |(a_n)_j - a_j|^2 \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^N |(a_n)_j - a_j|^2 + 2 \sum_{j=N+1}^{\infty} (|(a_n)_j|^2 + |a_j|^2) \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^N |(a_n)_j - a_j|^2 + \frac{4}{(N+1)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, due to the component convergence, we find that for any $N \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\mathbf{a}_n - \mathbf{a}\|^2 \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^N |(a_n)_j - a_j|^2 + \frac{4}{(N+1)^2} = \frac{4}{(N+1)^2}.$$

As $N \in \mathbb{N}$ is arbitrary we can take it to infinity and conclude that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\mathbf{a}_n - \mathbf{a}\|^2 = 0.$$

□

Exercise 6. Let \mathcal{X} and \mathcal{Y} be normed spaces and let E be a given subset of \mathcal{X} . Let $T : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ be a given bounded linear operator.

(a) Show that if $T|_E = 0$ then $T|_{\mathcal{M}} = 0$ where $\mathcal{M} = \overline{\text{span}E}$.

(b) Let $\{E_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a given sequence of subsets of \mathcal{X} . Show that if $\{T_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in B(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$ satisfy

$$T_n|_{E_j} = 0, \quad \forall n \geq j,$$

then if $\{T_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges to $T \in B(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})$ in the operator norm we have that

$$T|_{\overline{\text{span} \cup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} E_n}} = 0.$$

Solution. (a) Let $x \in \text{span}E$. Then there exist $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $x_1, \dots, x_n \in E$ and scalars $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$ such that

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i x_i.$$

Since $T|_E = 0$ and T is a linear operator we see that

$$Tx = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i T x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i 0 = 0.$$

Thus we find that $T|_{\text{span}E} = 0$. Next, given $x \in \mathcal{M}$ we know that we can find a sequence $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ from $\text{span}E$ that converges to x .

Since T is bounded (and as such continuous) we have that

$$Tx = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T x_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T|_{\text{span}E=0} x_n = 0.$$

As x was arbitrary we conclude that $T|_{\mathcal{M}} = 0$.

- (b) Using 6.1 we see that it is enough to show that $T|_{\cup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} E_n} = 0$. Indeed, let $x \in \cup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} E_n$. Then there exists $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $x \in E_{n_0}$. Thus, for any $n \geq n_0$ we have that $T_n x = 0$.

Since T_n converges to T in the operator norm we see that for any $n \geq n_0$

$$\|Tx\| = \|Tx - T_n x\| \leq \|T - T_n\| \|x\|$$

As the above holds for any such n we can take n to infinity and conclude that $\|Tx\| = 0$, i.e. $Tx = 0$. Since x was arbitrary we find that $T|_{\cup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} E_n} = 0$ which completes the proof. □

Exercise 7. Consider $T : \ell_2 \rightarrow \ell_2$ defined by

$$T(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6, \dots) = (0, x_1, 0, x_3, 0, x_5, \dots).$$

- (a) Compute T^2 .
 (b) Find $\rho(T)$, $\sigma(T)$, $\sigma_p(T)$, $\sigma_c(T)$ and $\sigma_r(T)$.

Solution. (a) Let $x \in \ell_2$. Then $T^2 x = T(0, x_1, 0, x_3, 0, x_5, \dots) = (0, 0, 0, \dots)$. Hence $T^2 = 0$ in ℓ_2 .

- (b) The point $\lambda = 0$ is an eigenvalue because for example $T e_2 = 0$.

Quick way: The spectral mapping theorem for polynomials implies $\sigma(T^2) = \{\lambda^2 : \lambda \in \sigma(T)\}$. Since $\sigma(T^2) = \sigma(0) = 0$, the spectrum $\sigma(T)$ contains only $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $\lambda^2 = 0$, whose only solution is $\lambda = 0$. Thus $\sigma(T) = \{0\}$, $\rho(T) = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$.

Longer way to prove $\mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\} \subset \rho(T)$: If $\lambda \neq 0$, then $T - \lambda$ is injective because $(T - \lambda)x = 0$ means (consider separately odd and even indices n):

$$-\lambda x_{2j-1} = 0, \quad x_{2j-1} - \lambda x_{2j} = 0, \quad \text{for } j \in \mathbb{N}.$$

The first equation implies that $x_n = 0$ for all odd $n = 2j - 1$, and inserting this into the second equation implies $x_n = 0$ for all even $n = 2j$. Thus $x = 0$.

To prove surjectivity, let $(T - \lambda)x = y$. This means

$$-\lambda x_{2j-1} = y_{2j-1}, \quad x_{2j-1} - \lambda x_{2j} = y_{2j}, \quad \text{for } j \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Thus $x_{2j-1} = -\lambda^{-1}y_{2j-1}$ and $x_{2j} = \lambda^{-1}(x_{2j-1} - y_{2j}) = -\lambda^{-2}y_{2j-1} - \lambda^{-1}y_{2j}$.

This x belongs to ℓ_2 because

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x_n|^2 &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (|x_{2j-1}|^2 + |x_{2j}|^2) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (|-\lambda^{-1}y_{2j-1}|^2 + |-\lambda^{-2}y_{2j-1} - \lambda^{-1}y_{2j}|^2) \\ &\leq 2|\lambda|^{-2}\|y\|^2 + 2|\lambda|^{-4}\|y\|^2 < \infty, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used $\|u + v\|^2 \leq 2(\|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2)$.

Altogether,

$$\sigma_p(T) = \sigma(T) = \{0\}, \quad \rho(T) = \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}, \quad \sigma_c(T) = \sigma_r(T) = \emptyset.$$

□

Exercise 8. Let $T = i\frac{d}{dx}$ in the Hilbert space $L^2([0, 1])$ with

$$\mathcal{D}(T) = \left\{ f \in L^2([0, 1]) : f \text{ absolutely continuous on } [0, 1], f' \in L^2([0, 1]), f(0) = if(1) \right\}.$$

- Show that T is densely defined.
- Show that T is symmetric.
- Show that T is selfadjoint. You may use without proof that the general solution of $f' - \mu f = g$ (for given $\mu \in \mathbb{C}$ and $g \in L^2([0, 1])$) is

$$f(x) = \exp(\mu x) \left(C + \int_0^x \exp(-\mu t) g(t) dt \right),$$

for a constant $C \in \mathbb{C}$.

Solution. (a) We know that $C_0^\infty((0, 1))$ is dense in $L^2([0, 1])$. Since $C_0^\infty((0, 1)) \subset \mathcal{D}(T) \subset L^2([0, 1])$, the closure of $\mathcal{D}(T)$ is also $L^2([0, 1])$.

- From the lectures we know that it suffices to prove that $\langle Tf, f \rangle \in \mathbb{R}$ for all $f \in \mathcal{D}(T)$. Indeed, integration by parts yields

$$\begin{aligned} \langle Tf, f \rangle &= i \int_0^1 f'(x) \overline{f(x)} dx = i \frac{|f(x)|^2}{2} \Big|_{x=0}^{x=1} - i \int_0^1 f(x) \overline{f'(x)} dx \\ &= \int_0^1 f(x) \overline{if'(x)} dx = \overline{\langle Tf, f \rangle}, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used $|f(x)|^2 \Big|_{x=0}^{x=1} = |f(1)|^2 - |f(0)|^2 = 0$ by the assumption $f(0) = if(1)$. Since a complex number is equal to its complex conjugate if and only if it is real, we get $\langle Tf, f \rangle \in \mathbb{R}$.

- Once we know that an operator is symmetric (we know it from (b)), we know from the lectures that it suffices to prove $\mathcal{R}(T \pm i) = L^2([0, 1])$. [Instead of $\pm i$, one can take two different points, one in the upper and one in the lower complex half-plane.]

Let $g \in L^2([0, 1])$. The equation $(T - \lambda)f = if' - \lambda f = g$ has the general solution (using a variation of constants method – see hint)

$$f(x) = e^{\frac{\lambda}{i}x} \left(C + \int_0^x e^{-\frac{\lambda}{i}t} g(t) dt \right).$$

Now we choose the constant C such that f satisfies the boundary condition $f(0) = if(1)$. This means

$$C = f(0) = if(1) = ie^{\frac{\lambda}{i}} \left(C + \int_0^1 e^{-\frac{\lambda}{i}t} g(t) dt \right),$$

hence, if $1 - ie^{\frac{\lambda}{i}} \neq 0$,

$$C = \frac{ie^{\frac{\lambda}{i}} \int_0^1 e^{-\frac{\lambda}{i}t} g(t) dt}{1 - ie^{\frac{\lambda}{i}}}.$$

Note that for $\lambda = \pm i$ we have $1 - ie^{\frac{\lambda}{i}} = 1 - ie^{\pm 1} \neq 0$, so C is well-defined. The corresponding f is in $\mathcal{D}(T)$, which implies $\mathcal{R}(T \pm i) = L^2([0, 1])$. \square