

Mathematics++

Problem set 5 – Functional analysis

hints by email, solutions due **July 4, 2019**

All the vector spaces (also called linear spaces) are over the field \mathbb{R} .

Definition A (topological) **dual** of a normed linear space E is the space of all bounded linear functions $E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ (so called functionals) together with the norm

$$\|F\| := \sup \{|Fx| : \|x\|_E \leq 1\}$$

and we denote the dual space E^* .

Theorem (Hahn-Banach): Let $f \in M^*$ be a continuous linear function on M which is a subspace of a normed linear space E . Then there exists $F \in E^*$ such that $F = f$ on M and $\|F\|_E = \|f\|_M$.

Theorem (Fréchet-Riesz): Let L be a continuous linear function on Hilbert space H . Then there exists exactly one $a \in H$ such that $L(x) = \langle x, a \rangle \forall x \in H$. Moreover $\|L\| = \|a\|$.

1. Let V be a linear space and $B \subseteq V$ its symmetric convex subset such that intersection of B with every subspace of dimension 1 (which are exactly the sets $\{\lambda x : \lambda \in \mathbb{R}\}$ for a fixed $x \neq 0$) is a closed interval of finite positive length. We define

$$\|x\|_B := \min \{k \geq 0 : x \in kB\}.$$

Prove that $\|\cdot\|_B$ is a norm on V , and also that every norm on V can be defined with a suitable B . [7]

2. Given a linear space W with inner product show that:

$$\forall S \subseteq W : \overline{\langle S \rangle} = (S^\perp)^\perp \quad [4]$$

3. Let X be the space of continuous real functions on $[0, 1]$. Show that no two norms $\|\cdot\|_p$ for $p \in [1, \infty]$ are equivalent on this space. [4]

4. Decide whether the following operators on a space X are linear and continuous. If so, calculate their norm ($\|L\| := \sup \{\|Lx\|_X : \|x\|_X \leq 1\}$): [8]

(a) $Lf(t) := f(t^3)$, $X = \mathcal{C}([0, 1])$

(b) $Lf(t) := f(t^3)$, $X = L^2([0, 1])$

(c) $L(x_n)_{i \in \mathbb{N}} := (0, x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots)$, $X = \ell^1$

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5. Prove the following geometric version of Hahn-Banach theorem: Let A and B be non-empty open disjoint convex subsets of a normed linear space E . Then there exists (nonzero) $f \in E^*$ and $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $A \subset \{x \in E : f(x) > \alpha\}$ and $B \subset \{x \in E : f(x) < \alpha\}$. [4]

6. Show that an orthonormal basis of a Hilbert space of infinite dimension cannot also be its algebraic (also known as Hamel) basis. Moreover show that algebraic basis of a Hilbert space of infinite dimension is always uncountable. [4]