

Analysis (SDS – UNITO, 23/24)

Week 1: normed and Banach spaces

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Exercise 1 (The maximum of two norms)

Let X be a normed space and $\|\cdot\|_\alpha, \|\cdot\|_\beta$ be norms on X .

Prove that $\|\cdot\|_M := \max\{\|\cdot\|_\alpha, \|\cdot\|_\beta\}$ is a norm on X .

Exercise 2 (The minimum of two norms)

Given $\lambda > 0$, consider the following norms for $f \in C[0, 1]$:

$$\|f\|_\infty := \sup_{x \in [0, 1]} |f(x)|, \quad \|f\|_{1, \lambda} := \lambda \int_0^1 |f(x)| dx.$$

Prove that constraints on λ must be set in order for $\|\cdot\|_m := \min\{\|\cdot\|_\infty, \|\cdot\|_{1, \lambda}\}$ to be a norm on $C[0, 1]$.

Exercise 3

We prove below that the set P of polynomials is not open in $C[-1, 1]$. Fill the details.

(a) Assume by contradiction that P is open. Consider $f(x) = x$. Since P is open, there exists $R > 0$ such that $\dots \subseteq P$.

(b) Consider now $h_R(x) := x + R \frac{x}{2(1 + |x|)}$. We have

$$\|h_R - f\|_\infty \leq \dots,$$

hence $h_R \in \dots$ – in particular, $h_R \in P$.

(c) We obtained above that h_R is a polynomial, but...

Hence a contradiction.

Exercise 4 (Topological properties of linear subspaces)

Let X be a normed space and $S \subseteq X$ a linear subspace.

(a) Prove that if S is contained in a ball then $S = \{0\}$.

(b) Prove that if S contains a ball then $S = X$.

Exercise 5 (The space of convergent series)

Consider the set

$$S = \left\{ a = (a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subseteq \mathbb{R} : \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} a_n < \infty \right\},$$

and for $a = (a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in S$ set $\|a\|_S := \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \left| \sum_{k=0}^n a_k \right|$.

Prove that $(S, \|\cdot\|_S)$ is a Banach space.

Exercise 6 (On some spaces of polynomials)

Let P_k be the space of real polynomials of degree at most $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

(a) For $p \in P_k$ set $\|p\| = \sum_{j=0}^k |p(j)|$. Is $(P_k, \|\cdot\|)$ a Banach space?

(b) Prove that for any $k \in \mathbb{N}$ there exists $C_k > 0$ such that

$$|p(0)| \leq C_k \int_0^1 |p(x)| dx, \quad p \in P_k.$$

Hint. There is a short and nice argument that smartly exploits equivalence of norms.

Exercise 7 (Interplay between continuity and norms)

Consider the functional

$$T: C[0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad T(f) = f(1).$$

Prove that T is continuous if $C[0, 1]$ is endowed with the standard $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ norm, but continuity fails under any norm $\|\cdot\|_{L^p}$ with $1 \leq p < \infty$.

Exercise 8

A necessary condition for convergence Let X be a normed space.

Show that if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$ then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n\| = \|x\|$.

What about the converse?

Exercise 9 (★)

Let X be a normed space, and fix $x, y \in X$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$. Show that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\|(n + \lambda)x + y\| - \|nx + y\|) = \lambda\|x\|.$$

Exercise 10 (★ The space of Lipschitz continuous functions)

Recall that $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be Lipschitz continuous if there exists $C > 0$ such that $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq C|x - y|$ for all $x, y \in [0, 1]$.

Let L be the set of Lipschitz continuous functions $[0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Is L a closed subspace of $C[0, 1]$?

Hint. Recall Weierstrass' approximation theorem.