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1 | Tuesday, January 11

Remark 1.0.1: This course: solving $Lf = g$ for L a linear operator, in analogy to solving $Ax = b$ in matrices. References:

- Hutson-Pym-Cloud, *Applications of Functional Analysis and Operator Theory*
- Reed-Simon, *Methods of Modern Mathematical Physics*
- Brezis, *Functional Analysis, Sobolev Spaces, and PDEs*

Remark 1.0.2: The issue when passing to infinite-dimensional vector spaces: the topology matters. E.g. the closure of the unit ball is closed and bounded and thus compact in finite dimensions, but this may no longer be true in \mathbb{R}^∞ or \mathbb{C}^∞ . Recall that a Banach space is a complete normed space, and is further a Hilbert space if the norm is induced by an inner product. See the textbook for a review of vector spaces, metric spaces, norms, and inner products.

Example 1.0.3(?): Our first example of infinite dimensional vector spaces: sequence spaces ℓ with elements $f := (f_1, f_2, \dots)$ with each $f_i \in \mathbb{R}$.

Remark 1.0.4: Linear subspaces are subspaces that contain zero, as opposed to affine subspaces. An example is $C_0([0, L]; \mathbb{R}) \leq C([0, L]; \mathbb{R})$, the subspace of bounded continuous functionals on $[0, L]$ which vanish at the endpoints. For any subset $S \subseteq V$, write $[S]$ or $\text{span } S$ for the linear span of S : all finite linear combinations of elements in S .

Example 1.0.5(?): Let $V = C([-1, 1])$ and $x_1 \neq x_2 \in [-1, 1]$, and set $M_i := \{f \in V \mid f(x_i) = 0\}$. Then $M_i \leq V$ is a linear subspace, and in fact $V = M_1 + M_2$ but $V \neq M_1 \oplus M_2$ since the zero function is in both subspaces.

Remark 1.0.6: Limits of finite operators are compact. The classical example: set $(A_N)_{i,i} = \frac{1}{i}$, so $A_N = \text{diag}\left(1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \dots, \frac{1}{N}\right)$. Then $\text{Spec } A_N = \left\{\frac{1}{n}\right\}_{n \leq N}$, but $A := \lim_N A_N$ is an operator with $0 \in \overline{\text{Spec}(A)}$ as an accumulation point. Exercise: what is $\ker A$? Is it nontrivial?

Definition 1.0.7 (Convexity)

A subset $S \subseteq V$ is **convex** iff

$$tf + (1-t)g \in S \quad \forall f, g \in S, \quad \forall t \in (0, 1].$$

Equivalently,

$$\frac{af + bg}{a + b} \in S \quad \forall f, g \in S, \quad \forall a, b \geq 0$$

where not both of a and b are zero. The **convex hull** of S is the smallest convex set containing S .

Remark 1.0.8: Recall Holder's inequality:

$$\|fg\|_1 \leq \|f\|_p \cdot \|g\|_q,$$

Schwarz's inequality

$$|\langle f, g \rangle| \leq \|f\| \|g\| \quad \|f\| := \sqrt{\langle f, f \rangle},$$

and Minkowski's inequality

$$\|f + g\|_p \leq \|f\|_p + \|g\|_p.$$

A nice proof of Cauchy-Schwarz:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \|f - (f, h)h\|^2 \\ &= (f - (f, h)h, f - (f, h)h) \\ &= (f, f) - (f, h)(h, f) - \overline{(f, h)}(f, h) + (f, h)\overline{(f, h)} \\ &= \|f\|^2 - |(f, h)|^2. \end{aligned}$$

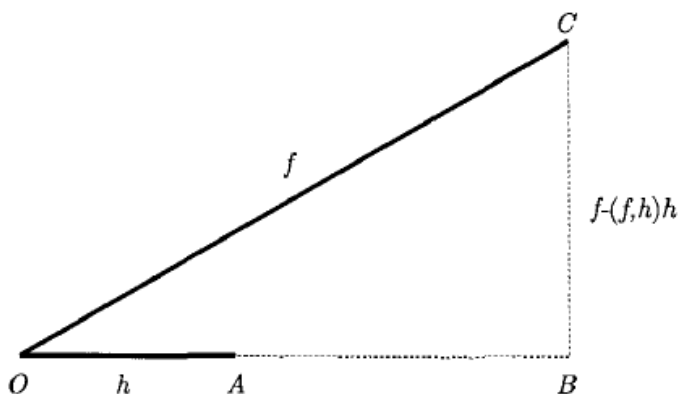


Figure 1.4: In \mathbb{R}^2 , OA, OC represent h, f respectively, while OB is $(f, h)h$. The relation proved in 1.5.5, $\|f - (f, h)h\|^2 = \|f\|^2 - |(f, h)|^2$, is simply Pythagoras' theorem.

2 | Thursday, January 13

Remark 2.0.1: My notes:

- $K \subseteq \mathcal{H}$ is **complete** iff $K^\perp = 0$.
- Bessel: for $f \in \mathcal{H}$ write $f_n := \langle f, e_n \rangle e_n$, then $\|(f_n)\|_{\ell^2(\mathbb{C})} \leq \|f\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2$.
- Best estimate: for any other sequence $(c_n) \in \ell^2(\mathbb{C})$, $\|f - \sum c_n e_n\| \geq \|f - \sum f_n e_n\|$.
- For $\{e_n\}$ orthonormal, $(c_n) \in \ell^2(\mathbb{C}) \iff \sum c_n e_n$ converges. If the series converges, it can be rearranged.
- Differentiating through an integral:

2.4.16 Theorem. *Assume that $f(\cdot, y)$ is differentiable for each $y \in Y$, and that $f(x, \cdot)$ is integrable for each $x \in X$. Suppose that there is an integrable function $g: Y \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}$ such that $|\partial f / \partial x(x, y)| \leq g(y)$ for all $x \in X, y \in Y$. Then F defined by (2.4.1) is differentiable, and*

$$\frac{dF}{dx}(x) = \int_Y \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(x, y) d\mu(y).$$

- Parseval, Plancherel, and Fourier inversion:

version of the well-known Fourier Integral Theorem is given here.

2.6.1 Theorem. *Suppose that $f \in \mathcal{L}_2(\mathbb{R}^n)$. Let Ω be a bounded cube centre the origin, and set*

$$\hat{f}_\Omega(\xi) = (2\pi)^{-n/2} \int_{\Omega} e^{i\xi \cdot x} f(x) dx, \quad (2.6.1)$$

where $\xi \cdot x$ denotes the scalar product in \mathbb{R}^n . Then as $\Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, \hat{f}_Ω converges in $\mathcal{L}_2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ to a function \hat{f} called the Fourier transform of f ; also

$$\|\hat{f}\|_2 = \|f\|_2 \quad (\text{Parseval's formula}),$$

and

$$(\hat{f}, \hat{g}) = (f, g) \quad (\text{Plancherel's formula}).$$

With the limit being taken in the same sense, the inversion formula is

$$f(x) = \lim_{\Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n} (2\pi)^{-n/2} \int_{\Omega} e^{-i\xi \cdot x} \hat{f}(\xi) d\xi.$$

Remark 2.0.2: Last time: any norm yields a metric: $d(f, g) := \|f - g\|$.

- Open/closed balls: $B_r(f) := \{x \mid \|f - x\| < r\}$.
- Bounded subsets: contained in some ball of finite radius.
- $\text{diam} S = \inf_{r, f} \text{diam} B_r(f)$ is the diameter of the smallest ball containing S .
- $d(f, S) := \inf_{x \in S} \|f - x\|$.
- $V = \mathbb{R}^n$ with $\|f\|_2^2 := \sum_{k \leq n} f_k^2$, $\bar{B}_0(1)$ is a metric space but not a vector space.
- For L^2 , there are unique least squares projections, but uniqueness may fail for L^1 .
 - Counterexample: take a line $M = \{[\alpha, \alpha]\}$ in \mathbb{R}^2 of angle $\pi/4$ with respect to the x -axis and consider $f := [[0, 1]$. Then for $g := (\alpha, \alpha)$, $\|f - g\| = |1 - \alpha| + |\alpha| \geq |1 - \alpha + \alpha| = 1$, and the minimizer occurs for *any* $\alpha \in [0, 1]$.
 - Similar issues may happen for L^∞ – but L^1, L^∞ have sharper tails than L^2 , so this can be useful e.g. in image problems.
- If limits of sequences (f_n) exist, i.e. $\|f_n - f_m\| \rightarrow 0$, then the limiting function $f_n \rightarrow f$ is unique by the triangle inequality.
- Example from last time: $\text{diag}\left(1, \frac{1}{2}, \dots, \frac{1}{n}\right) \rightarrow A$ a compact self-adjoint operator with $\text{Spec } A = \left\{\frac{1}{n}\right\}_{n \geq 0}$.
 - What is $\ker A$? Note that $0 \in \sigma(A)$, where $\sigma(A)$ is the set where $(A - I\lambda)^{-1}$ is not defined. It turns out $\ker A = \{0\}$.

- Defining closures of subsets: for $S \subseteq V$, say $f \in \bar{S}$ iff there exists a sequence of not necessarily distinct points $f_n \in S$ with $f_n \rightarrow f$.
 - Say $S_1 \subseteq S_2 \subseteq V$ is closed in S_2 iff $S_1 = C \cap S_2$ for some C closed in V . The closure of S_1 in S_2 is $\text{cl}_V(S_1) \cap S_2$.
- A set that is neither open nor closed: $X := [a, b] \cap \mathbb{Q}$, and $\partial X = [a, b] \supseteq X$ is actually larger.
- Recall the little ℓ^p norms: $\|(f_n)\|_p := \left(\sum |f_n|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$ and $\|(f_n)\|_\infty := \sup_n |f_n|$.

Exercise 2.0.3 (?) • Prove Jensen's inequality for concave functions.

- Prove Young's inequality.
- Prove Holder's inequality.
 - Idea: consider $a = \widehat{f_n} := |f_n|/\|f_n\|^p, b = \widehat{g_n} := |g_n|/\|g_n\|_q$ and apply Young's after summing over n .
- Prove Minkowski's inequality.
 - Idea: use that $(p-1)q = p$ and apply the triangle inequality and then Holder to $\sum |f_n + g_n|^p$. Also use that $q^{-1} = 1 - p^{-1}$, and divide through this inequality at the end. Be sure to check the cases $\|f + g\|_p = 0, \infty$.

3 | Tuesday, January 18

Remark 3.0.1: Last time:

- $\|f\|_{\ell^p} = \left(\sum |f_n|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$
- $\|f\|_{\ell^\infty} = \sup_n |f_n|$.

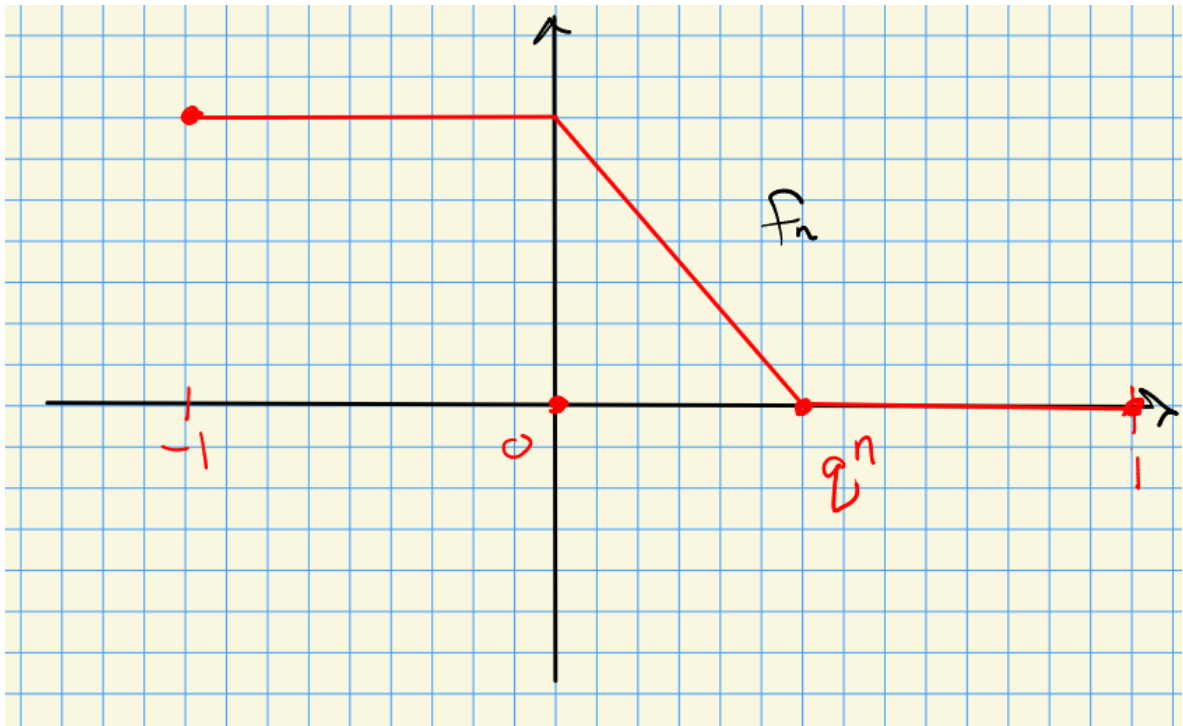
Today:

- $\ell_p = \{f := (f_n) \mid \|f\|_{\ell^p} < \infty\}$.
- Example: set $f^k := (0, 0, \dots, 1, 1, \dots)$ with zeros for the first $k-1$ entries and ones for all remaining entries. Then $f_i^k \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} 0$ for each fixed component at index i . So $f^k \rightarrow (0)$ component-wise, but $\|f^k\|_{\ell^\infty} = 1$ for every k , so this doesn't converge in ℓ_∞ .
- Recall the ε - δ and limit definitions of continuity.
- Recall the definition of uniform continuity.
- For $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, write $C(\Omega)$ for the \mathbb{R} -vector space of continuous bounded functions $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ with the norm $\|f\|_{L^\infty} = \sup_{x \in \Omega} |f(x)|$.

- Define $C^k(\Omega, \mathbb{C}^m)$ to be functions with k continuous partial derivatives which are bounded, and set $C^\infty(\Omega, \mathbb{C}^m) = \bigcap_{k \geq 0} C^k(\Omega, \mathbb{C}^m)$. Define a norm $\|f\|_{C^k} = \sum_{j \leq k} \sup_{x \in \Omega} |f^{(j)}(x)|$.
- Take $g(x) = 2 - x^2$ and consider $\mathbb{B}_{\frac{1}{2}}(g)$ in $C[0, 1]$ with $\|\cdot\|_{L^\infty}$.
- Show that convergent implies Cauchy-convergent using the triangle inequality.
- Lipschitz with $|c| < 1$ implies Cauchy.
- Lemma 1.4.2: $\|f_{n+k} - f_n\| \leq q^n(1 - q)^{-1} \|f_1 - f_0\|$ for all $k \geq 0$. Use

$$\|f_{n+k} - f_n\| = \left\| \sum_{j=1}^k (f_{n+j} - f_{n+j-1}) \right\| \leq \|f_1 - f_0\| \sum_{j=1}^k q^{n+j-1} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0.$$

- Counterexample, not all normed spaces are complete: take $V = C[-1, 1]$ with $\|f\|_{L^1} := \int_{-1}^1 |f(x)| dx$. Define a sequence of functions (f_n) :



Check that $\|f_{n+1} - f_n\|_{L^1} \leq q \|f_n - f_{n-1}\|_{L^1}$, and pointwise $f_n \rightarrow \chi_{[-1, 0]}$ which is discontinuous and not in $C[-1, 1]$.

- Banach spaces: complete normed vector spaces.
- Series:

- Convergent: $f := \lim_N \sum_{n \leq N} f_n \in V$.
 - Absolute convergence: $\sum \|f_n\| < \infty$.
 - In a Banach space, absolutely convergent series can be rearranged.
- Theorem: A normed space is complete iff absolute convergence \implies convergence. Proof:
 - Step 1: show that every Cauchy sequence has a convergent subsequence.
 - Set $a_n := \sup_{m > n} \|f_n - f_m\|$, then Cauchy implies $a_n \rightarrow 0$ in \mathbb{R} .
 - Get a convergent subsequence $a_{n_j} \leq j^{-2}$.
 - Set $g_j := f_{n_j} - f_{n_{j+1}}$, then $g := \sum g_j$ absolutely converges, say to g .
 - Note $f_{n_i} - f_{n_{i+1}} = \sum_{j=1}^i g_j$, so the subsequence (f_{n_j}) is convergent.
 - Step 2: use this to show that the original sequence (f_n) converges.
 - Set $f = \lim f_n$, then $\|f_n - f\| \leq \|f_n - f_{n_i}\| + \|f_{n_i} - f\|$, using Cauchy for the first ε and the convergent subsequence for the second.

Remark 3.0.2 (Some random notes): Some theorems that hold in Hilbert spaces but not necessarily Banach spaces:

allowed.

1.5.18 Theorem. *Suppose \mathcal{H} is a separable Hilbert space, and assume that $\mathcal{K} = \{\phi_n\}$ is an orthonormal set in \mathcal{H} . Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i) \mathcal{K} is complete, that is $\mathcal{K}^\perp = 0$;
- (ii) $\overline{[\mathcal{K}]} = \mathcal{H}$;
- (iii) \mathcal{K} is an orthonormal basis;
- (iv) for any $f \in \mathcal{H}$

$$\|f\|^2 = \sum |(f, \phi_n)|^2 \quad (\text{Parseval's formula}). \quad (1.5.9)$$

the sum in (1.5.9) is zero, whence $f = 0$. □

1.5.19 Theorem. *A separable Hilbert space has an orthonormal basis.*

Proof. Let $\{f_n\}$ be a countable dense set, and apply the Gram-Schmidt

2.4.12 *Example.* Consider the integrals

$$I_n = \int_0^\infty e^{-nx} x^{-1/2} dx.$$

We want to show that $\lim I_n = 0$. With $f_n(x) = e^{-nx} x^{-1/2}$, certainly $\lim_n f_n(x) = 0$ if $x \neq 0$, but the convergence is not uniform (because $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f_n(x) = \infty$), and using the Riemann integral it would be necessary to invent a delicate argument based on a subdivision of the range of

Absolute continuity:

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2.4.13 *Definition.* Let S be a finite interval. Then the real valued function f is said to be **absolutely continuous** on S iff for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there is a $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\sum_1^n |f(b_j) - f(a_j)| < \varepsilon$$

for any finite set $\{[a_j, b_j]\}$ of disjoint intervals with total length less than δ . f is absolutely continuous on \mathbb{R} iff it is absolutely continuous on every finite subinterval.

2.4.14 Theorem. A real-valued function f defined on an interval in \mathbb{R} is an indefinite integral of a locally Lebesgue integrable function, g say, iff f is absolutely continuous, in which case f is differentiable almost everywhere and $f' = g$ (a.e.).

L_p^{loc} :

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2.5.2 *Definition.* $\mathcal{L}_p^{\text{loc}}$ is the set of functions which lie in $\mathcal{L}_p(S)$ for every $S \subset X$ closed in \mathbb{R}^n and bounded.

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$\ker L = 0$ may not be sufficient to guarantee bijectivity in infinite dimensions:

3.3.13 Example. Let $L: \mathcal{C}([0, 1]) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}([0, 1])$ be the operator defined by

$$Lf(x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt \quad (f \in \mathcal{C}([0, 1])).$$

Obviously $Lf(0) = 0$ for every $f \in \mathcal{C}([0, 1])$. Therefore $R(L)$ is a proper subset of $\mathcal{C}([0, 1])$ and L is not surjective. However, $N(L) = 0$, for differentiation shows that the only continuous solution of $Lf = 0$ is $f = 0$. Thus condition (ii) of Theorem 3.3.12 does not imply (iii) or (i).

Boundedness:

3.4.2 Definition. Suppose that L is a linear operator from \mathcal{B} into \mathcal{C} . L is said to be **bounded on** $D(L)$ iff there is a finite number m such that

$$\|Lf\| \leq m \|f\| \quad (f \in D(L)). \quad (3.4.1)$$

Bounded iff continuous:

maximum gradient.

3.4.3 Theorem. Suppose that L is a linear operator from \mathcal{B} into \mathcal{C} . Then L is bounded on $D(L)$ if and only if it is continuous.

Proof. If L is bounded, from (3.4.1) $f_n \rightarrow 0 \implies Lf_n \rightarrow 0$. Thus L is continuous at zero, and so by Lemma 3.4.1, L is continuous. On the other hand, if L is not bounded there is a sequence (g_n) such that $a_n = \|Lg_n\| / \|g_n\| \rightarrow \infty$. But if $f_n = g_n / (a_n \|g_n\|)$, then $\|f_n\| = a_n^{-1} \rightarrow 0$ and $\|Lf_n\| = 1$. Since $L0 = 0$, L is not continuous at zero, and therefore is not continuous. \square

4 | More Banach Spaces (Thursday, January 20)

Remark 4.0.1: Last time: complete iff absolutely convergent implies convergent. Today: wrapping up some results on Banach and Hilbert spaces, skipping a review of L^p spaces, and starting on operators next week.

Remark 4.0.2: Note that $S := (0, 1]$ is open and not complete, but $\text{cl}_{\mathbb{R}}(S) = [0, 1]$ is both closed and complete. Generalizing:

Lemma 4.0.3(?)

A subset $S \subseteq B$ of a Banach space is complete iff S is closed in B .

Proof (?)

\Leftarrow : If S is closed, a Cauchy sequence (f_n) in S converges to some $f \in B$. Since S is closed in B , in fact $f \in S$.

\Rightarrow : Suppose that for $f \in \text{cl}_B(S)$, there is a Cauchy sequence $f_n \rightarrow f$ with $f_n \in S$ and $f \in B$. Since S is complete, $f \in S$, so $\text{cl}_B(S) \subseteq S$ making S closed. ■

Theorem 4.0.4(?)

For $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, the space $X = (C(\Omega; \mathbb{C}), \|\cdot\|_\infty)$ is a Banach space.

⚠ Warning 4.0.5

This is *not* complete with respect to any other L^p norm with $p < \infty$!

Proof (of theorem)

Use the lemma – write B for the space of all bounded (not necessarily continuous) functions on Ω , which is clearly a normed vector space, so it suffice to show

- $X \subseteq B$ is closed,
- B is a Banach space (i.e. complete).

Step 1: we'll show $\text{cl}_B(X) \subseteq X$. Take f to be a limit point of X , then for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there is a $g \in X$ with $\|f - g\| < \varepsilon$. Apply the triangle inequality:

$$\|f\| \leq \|f - g + g\| \leq \|f - g\| + \|g\| = \varepsilon + C < \infty,$$

so $f \in \text{cl}_B(X) \subseteq B$ since it is bounded. It remains to show f is continuous. Use that $\|f - g\|_\infty < \varepsilon$ and continuity of g to get $|g(x) - g(x_0)| < \varepsilon$ for $|x - x_0| < \varepsilon$. Now

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x) - f(x_0)| &= |f(x) - g(x) + g(x) - g(x_0) + g(x_0) - f(x_0)| \\ &\leq |f(x) - g(x)| + |g(x) - g(x_0)| + |f(x_0) - g(x_0)| \\ &\leq 3\varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

So X is closed in B .

Step 2: Let f_n be Cauchy in B , and note that we have a pointwise bound $|f_n(x) - f_n(x_0)| \leq \|f_n - f_m\| \rightarrow 0$. So pointwise, $f_n(x)$ is a Cauchy sequence in \mathbb{C} which is complete, so $f_n(x) \rightarrow f(x)$ for some $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$. We now want to show $f_n \rightarrow f$ in X . Using that f_n is Cauchy in X ,

produce an N_0 such that $n, m \geq N_0 \implies \|f_n - f_m\| < \varepsilon$. Now

$$\begin{aligned} \|f - f_n\| &= \sup_{x \in \Omega} |f(x) - f_n(x)| \\ &\leq \sup_{x \in \Omega} \sup_{m \geq N_0} |f_m(x) - f_n(x)| \\ &= \sup_{m \geq N_0} \sup_{x \in \Omega} |f_m(x) - f_n(x)| \\ &= \sup_{m \geq N_0} \|f_m - f_n\| \\ &\leq \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Now use the reverse triangle inequality to show f_n is bounded

$$\|f\| - \|f_n\| \leq \|f - f_n\| < \varepsilon \implies \|f\| < \infty.$$

Now by problem 1.13, every Cauchy sequence is bounded, so $f_n \rightarrow f \in B$. ■

Remark 4.0.6: Extending to vector-valued functions: for $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$, take $\mathbf{x} = [x_1, \dots, x_n]$ and $F = [f_1, \dots, f_m] : \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^m$. Then there is a Banach space

$$X = C(\Omega, \mathbb{C}^m), \quad \|f\|_{C_1(\Omega)} := \sum_{i \leq m} \sup_{x \in \Omega} |f(x)| + \sum_{i \leq m, j \leq n} \sup_{x \in \Omega} \left| \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j}(x) \right|.$$

Similarly define $L^p(\Omega)$, noting that $\|f\|_{L^\infty(\Omega)}$ is the *essential supremum*. ✍

Theorem 4.0.7(?)

For $p \in (1, \infty)$, the sequence space $X = (\ell^p, \|\cdot\|_{\ell^p})$ is a Banach space.

Definition 4.0.8 (Closed subspaces)

A **closed subspace** of a Banach space is a linear subspace $M \leq B$ which is norm-closed in B .

Example 4.0.9(?):

$$M := \ker \nabla \cdot = \left\{ f \in C(\Omega) \mid \nabla \cdot f = 0 \right\} \leq C(\Omega)$$

is closed, where $\nabla \cdot f$ is the divergence of a function f .

For any $S \subseteq B$, one can also take the corresponding closed subspace $\overline{[S]} := \text{cl}_B \text{span}_{\mathbb{C}} \{s \in S\}$, i.e. all linear combinations of elements in S and their limits. This is called the **closed linear span** of S . ✍

Exercise 4.0.10 (?)

Let $B = (C[a, b], \|\cdot\|_{L^\infty})$ and for $x_0 \in [a, b]$ define

$$M := \left\{ f \in C[a, b] \mid f(x_0) = 0 \right\}, \quad N := \left\{ f \in C[a, b] \mid f(x_0) \leq c \right\}.$$

Show that these are closed subspaces with no nontrivial open subsets of B , since any $f \in M$ can be perturbed to be nonzero at x_0 with an arbitrarily small norm difference.

Remark 4.0.11: Recall that for $S_1 \subseteq S_2 \subseteq B$, S_1 is **dense** in S_2 iff $\text{cl}_{S_2}(S_1) = S_2$. Recall Weierstrass' theorem: for $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is closed and bounded and write $\mathcal{O} := \mathbb{R}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ for the polynomials in n variables. Then $\mathcal{O} \subseteq C(\Omega)$, and $\text{cl}_{C(\Omega)}\mathcal{O} = C(\Omega)$, i.e. \mathcal{O} is a dense subspace in the L^∞ norms. In fact, piecewise linear functions are dense.

Remark 4.0.12: Norms are equivalent iff $c_1\|f\|_a \leq \|f\|_b \leq c_2\|f\|_a$ for some constants c_i . All norms on \mathbb{R}^n (resp. \mathbb{C}^n) are equivalent.

Example 4.0.13(?): For $a > 0, f \in C[0, 1]$, define

$$\|f\| := \sup_{x \in I} |e^{-ax} f(x)|,$$

which can be thought of as a weighting on the uniform norm which de-emphasizes the tails of functions near the endpoints. This is equivalent to $\|-\|_\infty$, since

$$e^a \sup |f| \leq \sup |e^{-ax} f| \leq 1 \cdot \sup |f|.$$

Remark 4.0.14: Note that a basis for a norm can be used as a basis with respect to an equivalent norm in finite dimensions. In infinite dimensions this may not hold – e.g. for Fourier series, $\{e_k(x)\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ is not a basis for $C[0, 2\pi]$ with the sup norm.

Definition 4.0.15 (Separable Banach spaces)

An $B \in \mathcal{B}$ is **separable** iff X contains a countable dense subset $S = \{f_k\}_{k \geq 0}$ such that for each $f \in B$ and $\varepsilon > 0$, there is an $f_k \in S$ with $\|f - f_k\| < \varepsilon$.

Example 4.0.16(?): Show that

- $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ a bounded subset, $C(\Omega), \|-\|_{\text{sup}}$ is separable.
- ℓ^p is separable for $p \in (1, \infty)$.
- ℓ^∞ is *not* separable.

4.1 Random Notes

Exercise 1.12. Recall (Example 3.12 in Prerequisite Material) that continuous function f on a X local compact and Hausdorff space X is invertible if $1/f$ is continuous on X . What is the spectrum of $f(z) = z$ in $C(\mathbb{T})$?

Remark 4.1.1:

Definition 2.2. A nonzero homomorphism into the base field of an algebra is called a *character*. The *spectrum* of a commutative Banach algebra A , denoted \hat{A} , is the set of all nonzero characters from A into \mathbb{C} . Hence \hat{A} is often called the *character space* for \hat{A} .

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Remark 5.0.1: • Inner products:

- $\langle f, f \rangle \geq 0$ and $\langle f, f \rangle = 0 \iff f = 0$
- $\langle f, g + h \rangle = \langle f, g \rangle + \langle f, h \rangle$
- $\langle f, g \rangle = \overline{\langle g, f \rangle}$
- $\langle \alpha f, g \rangle = \alpha \langle f, g \rangle$

- A pre-Hilbert space is an inner-product space.
- Example: $\langle f, g \rangle := \int_{\Omega} w(x)f(x)\overline{g(x)} dx$ for $f, g \in C(\Omega)$, where w is any weighting function.
- Example: $\langle f, g \rangle = \sum f_i \overline{g_i}$ for $f, g \in \mathbb{C}^n$.
- Inner products induce norms: $\|f\| := \sqrt{\langle f, f \rangle}$
 - Orthogonality: write $f \perp g$ iff $\langle f, g \rangle = 0$ and $S^{\perp} = \{f \in \mathcal{H} \mid f \perp s \forall s \in S\}$.
- Definition of a Hilbert space: a pre-Hilbert space complete with respect to the norm induced by its inner product.
- Recall $C(\Omega)$ with $\langle f, g \rangle := \int_{\Omega} f\overline{g}$ is not complete, thus not a Hilbert space.
- Example: a common optimization problem, $\operatorname{argmin}\|x\|$ such that $Ax = 0$.

Theorem 5.0.2 (Cauchy-Schwarz).

$$|\langle f, g \rangle| \leq \|f\| \|g\|.$$

Proof (?)

Use $\langle f, g \rangle = \|f\| \|g\| \cos \theta_{fg}$ where $|\cos \theta| \leq 1$. - Assume $g \neq 0$, then STS $\left\langle f, \frac{g}{\|g\|} \right\rangle \leq \|f\|$. -
Use

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \|f - \langle f, g \rangle g\|^2 \\ &= \langle f - \langle f, g \rangle g, f - \langle f, g \rangle g \rangle \\ &= \langle f, f \rangle - \langle f, g \rangle \langle g, f \rangle - \overline{\langle f, g \rangle} \langle f, g \rangle + \langle f, g \rangle \overline{\langle f, g \rangle} \\ &= \|f\|^2 - |\langle f, g \rangle|^2. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 5.0.3 (Closest approximations).

Let $M \subseteq \mathcal{H}$ be a closed (and thus complete) subspace of a Hilbert space \mathcal{H} . Then there is a unique element g in M closest to f in the norm.

Proof (?).

Let $d := \text{dist}(f, M)$, choose a sequence $g_n \in M$ such that $\|f - g_n\| \rightarrow d$, which is possible since $d = \inf_{g \in M} \|f - g\|$. Apply the parallelogram law to write

$$\begin{aligned} \|g_n - g_m\|^2 &= \|(g_n - f) - (g_m - f)\|^2 \\ &= 2\|g_n - f\|^2 + 2\|g_m - f\|^2 - 4\left\|\frac{1}{2}(g_n + g_m) - f\right\|^2 \\ &\leq 2\|g_n - f\|^2 + 2\|g_m - f\|^2 - 4d^2 \\ &\leq 2d^2 + 2d^2 - 4d^2 \\ &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

so the g_n are Cauchy. Here we've used that $\frac{1}{2}(g_n + g_m) = m \in M$ since M is a subspace, and $\|m - f\| \geq d$. Since M is complete, $g_n \rightarrow g \in M$ and moreover $\|f - g\| = d$. For uniqueness, if $\|f - g'\| = d$ then

$$\left\|f - \frac{1}{2}(g + g')\right\|^2 = d^2 - \|g - g'\|^2 < d^2 \quad \text{!}$$

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Theorem 5.0.4 (Projection theorem).

Let $M \leq \mathcal{H}$ be a closed subspace of a Hilbert space. Then $M^\perp \leq \mathcal{H}$ is closed, and $\mathcal{H} = M \oplus M^\perp$. In the decomposition $f = g + h$, in fact $g \in M$ is the closest approximation to f in M , making this decomposition unique.

Proof (?).

STS $\mathcal{H} = M + M^\perp$ by the exercises. If $f \in M$, take $f = g + h$ where $g = f$ and $h = 0$, so suppose $f \notin M$. Let $g = \text{argmin}_{M} \text{dist}(f, M) \in M$, and we claim $f - g \in M^\perp$, so $\langle f - g, h \rangle = 0$ for any $h \in M$. For all $h \in M$ and $\alpha > 0$, we have $g + \alpha h \in M$, so

$$\begin{aligned} \|f - g\|^2 &\leq \|f - (g + \alpha h)\|^2 \\ &= \|f - g\|^2 - 2\Re\alpha\langle h, f - g \rangle + \alpha^2\|h\|^2, \end{aligned}$$

so

$$2\Re\alpha\langle h, f - g \rangle \leq \alpha^2\|h\|^2 \implies 2\Re\langle h, f - g \rangle \leq \alpha\|h\|^2 \xrightarrow{\alpha \rightarrow 0} 0,$$

so $\Re\langle h, f - g \rangle = 0$. Similarly $\Im\langle h, f - g \rangle = 0$.

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Exercise 5.0.5 (?)

Show S^\perp is closed for any $S \in \mathcal{H}$, and in fact $S^\perp = \text{span}_{\mathbb{C}}(\text{cl}_{\mathcal{H}}(S))^\perp$, and if $f \in S \cap S^\perp$ then $f = 0$.

Exercise 5.0.6 (?)

Prove the parallelogram law

$$\|f - g\|^2 + \|f + g\|^2 = 2\|f\|^2 + 2\|g\|^2.$$

6 | Thursday, January 27

Remark 6.0.1: Notes:

- Bessel:

$$\sum_n |\langle f, \varphi_n \rangle| \leq \|f\|^2, \quad \|f\| := \sqrt{\langle f, f \rangle}.$$

– Prove using the fact that

$$0 \leq \left\| f - \sum_{n \leq m} \langle f, \varphi_n \rangle \varphi_n \right\|^2 = \|f\|^2 - \sum_{n \leq m} |\langle f, \varphi_n \rangle|^2.$$

- Best fit:

$$\left\| f - \sum_{n \leq m} c_n \varphi_n \right\| \geq \left\| f - \sum_{n \leq m} \langle f, \varphi_n \rangle \varphi_n \right\|,$$

so define projections $P_M(f) := \sum \langle f, \varphi_n \rangle \varphi_n$ for $\text{span} \{\varphi_n\} = M$.

– Prove using

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| f - \sum_{n \leq m} c_n \varphi_n \right\|^2 &= \|f\|^2 - \sum_{n \leq m} |\langle f, \varphi_n \rangle|^2 + \sum_{n \leq m} |\langle f, \varphi_n \rangle - c_n|^2 \\ &\geq \|f\|^2 - \sum_{n \leq m} |\langle f, \varphi_n \rangle|^2. \end{aligned}$$

- Hilbert spaces are separable: have countable dense subsets.

– $\ell^\infty(\mathbb{Z})$ is not separable.

- For $\{\varphi_n\}$ orthonormal and $\{c_n\}$ scalars, $\sum c_n \varphi_n$ is convergent iff $\{a_n\} \in \ell^2(\mathbb{Z})$, so $\sum |c_n|^2 < \infty$. If it converges, it can be rearranged, and

$$\left\| \sum c_n \varphi_n \right\|^2 = \|\{c_n\}\|_{\ell^2(\mathbb{Z})}^2 = \sum |c_n|^2.$$

- To prove, use that $\left\| \sum_{i \leq n \leq j} c_n \varphi_n \right\|^2 = \sum_{i \leq n \leq j} |c_n|^2$, so the sequence $\{S_m\}_{m \geq 0}$ where $S_m := \sum_{n \leq m} c_n \varphi_n$ is Cauchy since $\sum |c_n|^2$ converges.

– If $g = \sum c_n \varphi_n$ and $f = \sum c_{m_n} \varphi_{m_n}$ is a rearrangement, if $\{c_n\} \in \ell^2$ then $\|f\|^2 = \|g\|^2 = \sum |c_n|^2$. Then $\|f - g\|^2 = \|f\|^2 + \|g\|^2 - 2\Re\langle f, g \rangle$, but $\langle f, g \rangle = \sum |c_n|^2$, so $\|f - g\| = 0$.

- If $K = \{\varphi_n\} \subseteq \mathcal{H}$ is a proper subset, so $\text{span}\{\varphi_n\} \neq \mathcal{H}$, write $P_K(f) = \sum \langle f, \varphi_n \rangle \varphi_n$. Then $P_K(f) = 0$ if $f \in \text{cl}(K)^\perp$, $P_K(f) = f$ if $f \in \text{cl}(K)$, and if $f \notin K$, since $\text{cl}(K) \leq \mathcal{H}$ is closed then there exists a $g \in \text{cl}(K)$ where $\|f - g\| = \text{dist}(f, K)$. Write $f = h + (f - g) \in \text{cl}(K) \oplus \text{cl}(K)^\perp$, so $f = P_K f + (I - P_K)f$.
- Recall complete subspaces of Banach spaces are closed.
- Next theorem: every separable Hilbert space admits an orthonormal basis.

Theorem 6.0.2(?).

If \mathcal{H} is a separable Hilbert spaces and $K = \{\varphi_n\}$ is an orthonormal set, then TFAE

- K is complete, i.e. $K^\perp = 0$ (taking the closure is not needed),
- $\text{clspan } K = \mathcal{H}$,
- K is an orthonormal *basis*,
- For all $f \in \mathcal{H}$, $\|f\|^2 = \sum_{n \geq 0} |\langle f, \varphi_n \rangle|^2$ (Parseval).

Remark 6.0.3: Note $\langle f, \varphi_n \rangle$ is the n th Fourier coefficient $\widehat{f}(\xi) = \sum \langle f, \varphi_n \rangle \varphi_n(\xi)$, and Parseval says $\|f\|^2 = \|\widehat{f}\|^2$.

Proof (?).

1 \implies 2: Let $f \in \mathcal{H} \setminus \text{clspan}(K)$ and project, so $f = g + h$ with $g, h \neq 0$. But $g \in \text{clspan}(K)$ and $h \in \text{clspan}(K)^\perp = 0$, forcing $K^\perp = \text{cl}(K)^\perp \neq 0$. \nexists

2 \implies 3: Follows directly from previous lemma that $f = P_K f + (I - P_K)f$.

3 \implies 4: Write $f \in \mathcal{H}$ as $f = \sum \langle f, \varphi_n \rangle \varphi_n$ by sending $m \rightarrow \infty$ in the previous lemma.

4 \implies 1: Toward a contradiction, suppose $f \neq 0 \in K^\perp$. Then $\|f\| \neq 0$ but $\langle f, \varphi_n \rangle = 0$ for all n , contradicting Parseval. \nexists

7 | Tuesday, February 01

Remark 7.0.1: Notes:

- Assume \mathcal{H} is a **separable** Hilbert space: there exists a countable set of vectors $\{v_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$ which span a subspace that is dense in \mathcal{H} , so $\text{cl}(\text{span}\{v_i\}) = \mathcal{H}$.
- Complete subspaces: $M \leq \mathcal{H}$ with $M^\perp = 0$.
- Show that for any $S \subseteq \mathcal{H}$, S^\perp is closed in \mathcal{H} , $S^\perp = (\text{clspan } S)^\perp$, and $f \in S \cap S^\perp \implies f = 0$.
- If $K = \{\varphi_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ is an orthonormal set in \mathcal{H} , then TFAE
 - $K \leq \mathcal{H}$ is a complete subspace, so $K^\perp = 0$, i.e. $\langle f, \varphi_k \rangle = 0$ for all k implies $f = 0$.

- $\text{cl span } K = \mathcal{H}$, so every $f \in \mathcal{H}$ is the limit of a sequence of vectors from $\text{span } K$.
- K is an orthonormal *basis*
- Parseval: equality in Bessel, i.e. $\|f\|^2 = \sum |\langle f, \varphi_k \rangle|^2$
- Lemma: if $M, N \subseteq \mathcal{H}$ with $\dim M < \dim N$, then $M^\perp \cap N \neq \emptyset$.
 - Without loss of generality assume $\dim N = n + 1$ where $n := \dim M$, take a basis $\{\psi_k\}_{k \leq n+1}$ for N .
 - Try to find $f \in N$ with $f \perp M$, i.e. coefficients $\{b_i\}_{i \leq n}$ with $\sum b_i \psi_i \perp \varphi_k$ for every φ_k basis elements of M .
 - This is a linear system of n equations in $n + 1$ unknowns, so it has a nontrivial solution.
- Theorem, orthonormal bases are stable: if $\{\varphi_k\}$ is an orthonormal basis and $\{\psi_k\}$ is an orthonormal *system*, if $\sum \|\varphi_k - \psi_k\|^2 < \infty$ then $\{\psi_k\}$ is a basis.
 - Assume note, then find a $\psi_0 \in \mathcal{H}$ with $\|\psi_0\| = 1$ and $\langle \psi_0, \psi_j \rangle = 0$ for all j .
 - Choose $N \gg 1$ so that $\sum_{k \geq N} \|\psi_k - \varphi_k\| < 1$.
 - Use previous lemma to produce $w \in \text{span}\{\psi_0, \psi_1, \dots, \psi_N\}$ with $w \neq 0$ and $w \perp \varphi_j$ for all $j \leq N$.
 - Note $w \perp \text{span}\{\psi_n\}_{n > N}$.
 - Apply Parseval:

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &< \|w\|^2 \\
 &= \sum_{n \geq 1} |\langle w, \varphi_n \rangle|^2 \\
 &= \sum_{n \geq N+1} |\langle w, \varphi_n \rangle|^2 \\
 &= \sum_{n \geq N+1} |\langle w, \varphi_n - \psi_n \rangle|^2 \\
 &\leq \|w\|^2 \sum_{n \geq N+1} \|\varphi_n - \psi_n\|^2 \\
 &< \|w\|^2 \cdot 1,
 \end{aligned}$$

where we've used that $\langle w, \psi_n \rangle = 0$ for $n \geq N$. \neq

- \mathcal{H} admits a countable orthonormal basis iff \mathcal{H} is separable.
 - \implies : clear, since the basis is countable, and every element is a limit of partial sums against the basis.
 - \impliedby : Gram-Schmidt.
 - $\diamond h_1 = \psi_1$ and $\varphi_1 = h_1 / \|h_1\|$
 - $\diamond h_n = \psi_n - \sum_{1 \leq k \leq n-1} \langle \psi_k, \varphi_k \rangle \varphi_k$ and normalize.
- Exercise: a closed subspace of a separable Hilbert space is separable.
- Linearly isometric inner product spaces: $E \sim F$ iff there is a map $A : E \rightarrow F$ with
 - $A(au + bv) = aAu + bAv$
 - $\|Au\|_F = \|u\|_E$

- Theorem: if $\mathcal{H}_1, \mathcal{H}_2$ are infinite dimensional separable Hilbert spaces, then $\mathcal{H}_1 \sim \mathcal{H}_2$. Thus for any Hilbert space \mathcal{H} over \mathbb{C} , $\mathcal{H} \sim \ell^2(\mathbb{C})$.
 - Pick orthonormal bases $\{\varphi_k\} \subseteq \mathcal{H}_1, \{\psi_k\} \subseteq \mathcal{H}_2$.
 - For $u \in \mathcal{H}_1$, define $Au := \sum \langle u, \varphi_k \rangle \psi_k$, which converges – this will be the linear isometry, and satisfies condition (i).
 - Check $\|Au\|_{\mathcal{H}_2}^2 = \sum_{k \geq 1} |\langle u, \varphi_k \rangle|^2 = \|u\|_{\mathcal{H}_1}^2$, which is condition (ii).
 - Check A is surjective: for $y \in \mathcal{H}_2$, write $y = \sum_k \langle y, \psi_k \rangle \psi_k = Av$ for $v := \sum_k \langle y, \psi_k \rangle \varphi_k \in \mathcal{H}_1$.
- Non-separable spaces: look at *almost-periodic functions*.
 - E.g. $\sum_{k \leq n} c_k \exp(i\lambda_k t)$ for $\lambda_k \in \mathbb{R}$.

8 | Tuesday, February 08

Remark 8.0.1: Motivating question: when is an operator equation solvable? Today: relation between boundedness and continuity for linear operators. Nonlinear operators next week.

- A map of vector spaces $V \rightarrow W$ is a linear map defined on some domain $D(A) \subseteq V$, where $D(A)$ need not equal V .
 - Notation: $A(f) = Af = g$.
 - $Af \subseteq W$ is the image of f , and $R(A) := \{Af \mid f \in D(A)\} \subseteq W$ is the range. Preimages of $S \subseteq W$: $A^{-1}(S) = \{f \mid f \in D(A) \text{ and } Af \in S\}$.
- We distinguish operators with different domains, e.g. $Af := f'$ can be the formula for distinct operators A_1, A_2 where $D(A_1) = C^\infty[0, 1] \subseteq C^0[0, 1]$ or $D(A_2) = C^1[0, 1] \subseteq C^0[0, 1]$, so $A_1 \neq A_2$.
 - I.e. $A_1 = A_2 \iff D(A_1) = D(A_2)$ and $A_1 f = A_2 f$ for all $f \in D(A_1) = D(A_2)$.
 - If $A_1 f = A_2 f$ with $D(A_1) \subseteq D(A_2)$, say A_2 is an extension of A_1 . The extension is proper iff $D(A_1) \neq D(A_2)$.
- Example operator: the Laplace equation $\Delta f = g$ where $\Delta = \partial_{xx} + \partial_{yy}$. We can take domains $g \in C[0, 1], L^2[0, 1], H^2[0, 1] = \{f \in L^2(0, 1) \mid \partial_{xx} f, \partial_{yy} f \in L^2(0, 1)\}$.
 - Why domains matter: boundary conditions affect what eigenfunctions you get. Examples where $A_1 \neq A_2$:
 - Dirichlet boundary conditions: $\Delta f = g, f|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$. The relevant solution spaces is $D(A_1) = \{\varphi \in C^2[0, 1]^2 \mid \varphi|_{\partial\Omega} = 0\}$ for $A_1 \varphi := \Delta \varphi$.

– Neumann boundary conditions: $\Delta f = g$, $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \mathbf{n}} \Big|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$, i.e. there is no flux across the boundary. The relevant solution space is $D(A_2) = \left\{ \psi \in C^2[0,1]^2 \mid \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial \mathbf{n}} \Big|_{\partial\Omega} = 0 \right\}$ for $A_2\psi := \Delta\psi$.

- Injectivity: for $A : V \rightarrow W$, for every $g \in R(A)$ there is exactly one $f \in D(A)$ with $Af = g$. Equivalently for linear operators, $Af = 0 \implies f = 0$.
- Surjectivity: $R(A) = W$.
- Example: $A := x \mapsto \sin(x)$ regarded as a function $A : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is neither surjective nor injective: $R(A) = [-1, 1] \subsetneq \mathbb{R}$, and $\sin(\pi\mathbb{Z}) = 0$.
- Linearity: for $Lf = g$, L is linear if $L(af + bg) = aLf + bLg$.

Exercise 8.0.2 (?)

Show that the following are equivalent conditions for continuity of $A : V \rightarrow W$ at $f_0 \in D(A)$:

- $\|Af - Af_0\|_W < \varepsilon$ for all $f \in D(A)$ with $\|f - f_0\|_V < \delta$
- For every sequence $\{f_k\} \rightarrow f_0$, $Af_k \rightarrow Af_0$.
- Preimages of open sets in W are again open in V .

9 | Tuesday, February 15

Remark 9.0.1: Last time:

- Continuous operators are bounded:
 - If $\|Lf_n\| = 1$ and $\|f_n\| \rightarrow 0$, check $\lim(Lf_n) = L(\lim f_n) = L0 = 0$.
 - Take norms to contradict $\|Lf_n\| = 1$.

Theorem 9.0.2 (3.4.4).

If $L : B \rightarrow C$ with dense image (so $\text{cl}_B(D(L)) = B$), if L is continuous on $D(L)$ then it has a unique extension \tilde{L} to all of B , so $D(\tilde{L}) = B$, with $\|L\| = \|\tilde{L}\|$.

Proof (of theorem).

In steps:

- Defining the extension:
 - For $f \in B$, pick $f_n \rightarrow f$ with $f_n \in D(L)$ using density.
 - Convergent implies Cauchy, so estimate:

$$\|Lf_n - Lf_m\| = \|L(f_n - f_m)\| \leq \|L\| \|f_n - f_m\| \rightarrow 0.$$

- Thus Lf_n is Cauchy, by completeness $Lf_n \rightarrow g$ for some g .

- Preservation of norm:

- Define the extension as $\tilde{L}f := g$, by continuity it is independent of the sequence $\{f_k\} \rightarrow f$.
- Check that \tilde{L} is a bounded operator:

$$\begin{aligned} \|\tilde{L}f\| &:= \|g\| = \|\lim Lf_n\| = \lim \|Lf_n\| \leq \lim \|L\| \|f_n\| = \|L\| \|f\| \\ &\implies \|\tilde{L}\| \leq \|L\|. \end{aligned}$$

- Since $\|A\|_{\text{op}}$ is defined in terms of sups over test functions in $D(A)$ for any operator A and here $D(\tilde{L}) \supseteq D(L)$ is a larger set, we have $\|\tilde{L}\| \geq \|L\|$ by definition, yielding $\|\tilde{L}\| = \|L\|$.

- Uniqueness of the extension:

- Take \tilde{L}_1, \tilde{L}_2 extending L , then

$$\tilde{L}_1 f = \lim \tilde{L}_1 f_n = \lim Lf_n = \lim \tilde{L}_2 f_n = \tilde{L}_2 f.$$

- Use linearity:

$$\tilde{L}_1 f - \tilde{L}_2 f = (\tilde{L}_1 - \tilde{L}_2) f = 0 \implies \tilde{L}_1 - \tilde{L}_2 = 0.$$

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Example 9.0.3(?): Let $\mathcal{L} \in L(\mathbb{C}^n, \mathbb{C}^n)$ be defined in coordinates by $(\mathcal{L}f)_i := \sum_{1 \leq j \leq n} \alpha_{ij} f_j$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$. Take $\|\cdot\|_{\ell^\infty}$ and check

$$\begin{aligned} \|Lf\|_\infty &:= \sup_i \left| \sum \alpha_{ij} f_j \right| \\ &\leq \left(\sup_i \sum |\alpha_{ij}| \right) \sup_j |f_j| \\ &:= m \|f\|_{\ell^\infty}. \end{aligned}$$

So $\|L\| \leq m$, where m is the largest row sum. Is there an f for which equality holds? In this case, we'd need

$$\|Lf\|_{\ell^\infty} \geq m \|f\|_{\ell^\infty}.$$

Identify the row k so that $m = \sum_{1 \leq j \leq n} |\alpha_{kj}|$. Set f to be a unit vector with coefficients $(f)_j =$

$\bar{\alpha}_{kj}/|\alpha_{kj}|$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\|Lf\|_\infty &= \sup_i \left| \sum_j \alpha_{ij} f_j \right| \\ &\geq \left| \sum_j \alpha_{kj} f_j \right| \\ &= \left| \sum_j \alpha_{kj} \bar{\alpha}_{kj}/|\alpha_{kj}| \right| \\ &= \sum_j |\alpha_{kj}| \\ &= m \|f\|_{\ell^\infty}.\end{aligned}$$

So the answer is yes in this case. Does this also work for $\|\cdot\|_{\ell^p}$ with $p \in (1, \infty)$? Recall Holder's inequality:

$$\begin{aligned}\left| \sum \alpha_{ij} f_j \right| &\leq \left(\sum |\alpha_{ij}|^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left(\sum |f_j|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &= \left(\sum |\alpha_{ij}|^q \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \|f\|_{\ell^p}.\end{aligned}$$

Check that

$$\begin{aligned}\|Lf\|_{\ell^p}^p &= \sum_i |(Lf)_i|^p \\ &= \sum_i \left| \sum_j \alpha_{ij} f_j \right|^p \\ &\leq \sum_i \left(\sum_j |\alpha_{ij}| \right)^{\frac{p}{q}} \|f\|_{\ell^p}^p,\end{aligned}$$

where we've applied Holder in the last line. Thus

$$\|L\| \leq \left(\sum_i \left(\sum_j |\alpha_{ij}| \right)^{\frac{p}{q}} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

Exercise 9.0.4(?)

Is there an f that attains this bound in the ℓ^p case?

Remark 9.0.5: For $\mathcal{L} \in L(\mathbb{C}^\infty, \mathbb{C}^\infty)$ defined by $(Lf)_i = \sum_{j \geq 1} \alpha_{ij} f_j$ for $j \geq 1$, one needs a notion of convergence of the coordinates α_{ij} in order for \mathcal{L} to be bounded. A sufficient condition is $m := \sup_i \sum_{j \geq 1} |\alpha_{ij}| < \infty$.

Definition 9.0.6 (?)

Some notation:

$$\begin{aligned}\|\alpha\|_1 &:= \sup_j \sum_i |\alpha_{ij}| \\ \|\alpha\|_p &:= \left(\sum_i \left(\sum_j |\alpha_{ij}|^q \right)^{\frac{p}{q}} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ \|\alpha\|_\infty &:= \sup_i \sum_j |\alpha_{ij}|.\end{aligned}$$

Remark 9.0.7: Note that if $\mathcal{L} : \ell^p \rightarrow \ell^p$, then $\|\mathcal{L}\| \leq \|\alpha\|_p$ for $p \in [1, \infty)$ and for $p = \infty$ this is an equality.

Example 9.0.8 (Kernels): Consider $C[a, b]$ with $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ and $k \in C^0([a, b]^{\times 2}, \mathbb{C})$. Define

$$\begin{aligned}K : C[a, b] &\rightarrow C[a, b] \\ f &\mapsto \int_a^b k(x, y) f(y) dy.\end{aligned}$$

What is $\|K\|$? Estimate

$$\begin{aligned}\|Kf\| &\leq \sup_{y \in [a, b]} |f(y)| \sup_{x \in [a, b]} \int_a^b |k(x, y)| dy \\ &\leq \|f\|_\infty \|k\|_\infty,\end{aligned}$$

so $\|K\| \leq \|k\|_\infty$.

Define

$$\begin{aligned}\|k\|_1 &:= \sup_y \int |k| dx \\ \|k\|_p &:= \left(\int \left(\int |k|^q dy \right)^{\frac{p}{q}} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ \|k\|_\infty &:= \sup_x \int |k| dy.\end{aligned}$$

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