

Ark7: Exercises for MAT2400 — Normed spaces and inner products

The exercises on this sheet cover the sections 4.5 and 4.6 of Tom's notes. They are meant for the groups on Thursday, Mars 15 and Friday, Mars 17. With the following distribution:

Thursday, Mars 15: No 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 16
The rest for Friday.

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More on Abels's theorem

PROBLEM 1. The aim of this exercise is to show Dirichlet's test for convergence:

Let $\{a_n\}$ and $\{b_n\}$ be two sequences of numbers. Assume that the partial sums $s_N = \sum_{k=0}^N a_k$ form a bounded sequence, *i.e.*, there is a constant M such that $\left| \sum_{k=0}^N a_k \right| < M$ for all N . Assume further that $\{b_k\}$ decreases monotonically to zero, *i.e.*, $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} b_k = 0$ and $0 \leq b_{k+1} \leq b_k$. Then the series $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k b_k$ converges.

a) Use Abel's result on partial summation to show that

$$\sum_{k=M+1}^N a_k b_k = s_N b_N - s_M b_M + \sum_{k=M}^{N-1} s_k (b_k - b_{k+1}),$$

where $N > M$ are two integers.

b) Show that

$$\left| \sum_{k=M+1}^N a_k b_k \right| \leq 2M b_M.$$

HINT: Use that $b_k - b_{k+1} \geq 0$ and the "telescoping" property of $\sum_{k=M}^{N-1} (b_k - b_{k+1})$.

c) Show that the partial sums $\sum_{k=0}^N a_k b_k$ form a Cauchy sequence and hence the series $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k b_k$ converges.

d) Show by an example that Dirichlet's test is false if we skip the monotonicity condition, that is if we only assume that $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} b_k = 0$; *i.e.*, find sequences $\{a_k\}$ and $\{b_k\}$ with $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k$ convergent and with $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} b_k = 0$ but such that $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k b_k$ does not converge.

PROBLEM 2. In this exercise we will show by using Dirichlet's test that the series $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\sin kx}{k^a}$ converges for any $a > 0$.

a) Show that

$$2 \sin \alpha \sin \beta = \cos(\alpha - \beta) - \cos(\alpha + \beta).$$

b) Show that

$$2 \sin kx \sin \frac{x}{2} = \cos\left(k - \frac{1}{2}\right)x - \cos\left(k + \frac{1}{2}\right)x.$$

c) Show that

$$\sum_{k=1}^n 2 \sin kx \sin \frac{x}{2} = \cos \frac{x}{2} - \cos\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)x,$$

and hence that $|\sum_{k=1}^n \sin kx| \leq \frac{1}{\sin \frac{x}{2}}$ as long as $\sin \frac{x}{2} \neq 0$.

d) Show that $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sin kx}{k^a}$ converges for any $a > 0$.

Normed spaces

PROBLEM 3. Let $I = [a, b]$ be a closed interval. Show that the following are norms on $C(I, \mathbb{K})$ (where as usual \mathbb{K} is either \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C}):

a)

$$\|f\|_{\infty} = \sup\{|f(x)| : x \in I\}.$$

b)

$$\|f\|_1 = \int_a^b |f(x)| dx.$$

PROBLEM 4. (*Tom's notes 4.5, Problem 3 (page 102)*). Let V be a normed space over \mathbb{K} . Assume that $\{u_n\}$ and $\{v_n\}$ are sequences in V converging to u and v respectively, and let $\{\alpha_n\}$ and $\{\beta_n\}$ be sequences in \mathbb{K} converging to α and β , respectively.

a) Show that $\{u_n + v_n\}$ converges to $u + v$.

b) Show that $\{\alpha_n u_n\}$ converges to αu .

c) Show that $\{\alpha_n u_n + \beta_n v_n\}$ converges to $\alpha u + \beta v$.

PROBLEM 5. Let $C^1(I; \mathbb{R})$ be the space of functions on the interval $I = [a, b]$ which are continuously differentiable on I . Show that the following gives a norm on $C^1(I; \mathbb{R})$:

$$\|f\| = \sup\{|f(x)| : x \in I\} + \sup\{|f'(x)| : x \in I\}.$$

PROBLEM 6. (*Tom's notes 4.5, Problem 4 (page 103)*). Let V be a normed space over \mathbb{K} .

a) Show the inverse triangle inequality:

$$|\|u\| - \|v\|| \leq \|u - v\| \text{ for all } u, v \in V.$$

b) If $\{u_n\}$ is a sequence from V converging to u , show that $\{\|u_n\|\}$ converges to $\|u\|$; *i.e.*, the norm is continuous in the metric it defines!

PROBLEM 7. (*Tom's notes 4.5, Problem 10 (page 103)*). We denote by l_1 the set of all sequences $x = \{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of real numbers such that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x_n|$ converges.

a) Check that l_1 is a vector space over \mathbb{R} .

b) Show that

$$\|x\| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x_n|$$

defines a norm on l_1 .

c) Show that $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n, \dots$ form a basis for l_1 where e_n is the sequence with $e_n = \{0, 0, 0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots\}$; *i.e.*, it is zero for all i except for $i = n$ where it is 1.

d) Show that l_1 is complete.

Inner products

PROBLEM 8. (*Tom's notes 4.6, Problem 6 (page 112)*). Let A be a real, symmetric $n \times n$ matrix all whose eigenvalues are strictly positive. Show that $\langle x, y \rangle = x^t A y$ defines an inner product on \mathbb{R}^n .

PROBLEM 9. (*Tom's notes 4.6, Problem 8 (page 112)*). Assume that $\{u_n\}$ and $\{v_n\}$ are two sequences from an inner product space converging to u and v respectively. Show that $\langle u_n, v_n \rangle$ tends to $\langle u, v \rangle$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

PROBLEM 10. (*Tom's notes 4.6, Problem 9 (page 113)*). Show that if the norm $\|\cdot\|$ is defined from an inner product by $\|u\| = \langle u, u \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}}$, then we have the parallelogram law:

$$\|u + v\|^2 + \|u - v\|^2 = 2\|u\|^2 + 2\|v\|^2$$

where u and v are any elements from V . Show that neither the norm on \mathbb{R}^2 given by $\|(x, y)\| = \max\{|x|, |y|\}$ nor the one given by $\|(x, y)\| = |x| + |y|$ comes from an inner product.

PROBLEM 11. Prove the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality for sequences x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n and y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n of real numbers:

$$\left(\sum_{k=1}^n x_k y_k\right)^2 \leq \left(\sum_{k=1}^n x_k^2\right) \left(\sum_{k=1}^n y_k^2\right).$$

HINT: You may use proposition 4.6.4 in Tom's notes.

PROBLEM 12. (*Basically Tom's notes 4.6, Problem 13 (page 113)*). Let l_2 be the set of sequences $\{x_k\}$ of real numbers such that $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k^2$ converges.

a) Prove the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality for l_2 , *i.e.*, show that if $x = \{x_k\}$ and $y = \{y_k\}$ are from l_2 , then

$$\left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k y_k\right)^2 \leq \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k^2\right) \left(\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} y_k^2\right).$$

HINT: Use problem 11 to bound partial sums.

b) Show that l_2 is a real vector space. HINT: Use 12.a) to see that l_2 is closed under addition.

c) Show that $\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k y_k$ defines an inner product on l_2 .

d) Show that l_2 is complete.

e) For n a natural number, let e_n be the sequence with all components equal to zero except the n -th one, which is 1. Show that $e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_n, \dots$ form an orthonormal basis for l_2 . Why is this not in conflict with exercise 7?

PROBLEM 13. (*Tom's notes 4.6, Problem 13, d) (page 113)*). Let V be an inner product space with an orthonormal basis $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, \dots\}$. Assume that for any square summable sequence $\{\alpha_n\}$ — *i.e.*, a sequence from l_2 — there is an element $u \in V$ satisfying $\langle u, v_i \rangle = \alpha_i$ for all $i \in \mathbb{N}$. Show that V is complete.

PROBLEM 14. Let f and g be two continuous complex valued functions on $[a, b]$, let

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_a^b f(x) \overline{g(x)} dx.$$

a) Show that this defines an inner product on the space of continuous functions $C([a, b]; \mathbb{C})$.

b) Show the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality for integrals, *i.e.*, show that

$$\left| \int_a^b f(x) \overline{g(x)} dx \right|^2 \leq \int_a^b |f(x)|^2 dx \int_a^b |g(x)|^2 dx.$$

PROBLEM 15. Let $f, g \in C([-1, 1]; \mathbb{R})$.

a) Show that the improper integral $\int_{-1}^1 \frac{f(t)g(t)}{\sqrt{1-t^2}} dt$ is convergent, and that

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{f(t)g(t)}{\sqrt{1-t^2}} dt$$

defines an inner product on $C([-1, 1]; \mathbb{R})$.

b) Show that the functions $T_n(t) = \cos(n \arccos t)$ form an orthogonal set in $C([-1, 1]; \mathbb{R})$ with respect to this inner product. HINT: The substitution $t = \cos u$ may be helpful.

c) Show that $T_n(t)$ is a polynomial in t of degree n . (They are called Chebyshev polynomials).

PROBLEM 16. If $S \subseteq V$ is a subset of an inner product space V , we let

$$S^\perp = \{v \in V : \langle v, s \rangle = 0 \text{ for all } s \in S\}.$$

a) Show that S^\perp is a closed vector subspace of V .

b) Show that if $S \subseteq T$, then $T^\perp \subseteq S^\perp$.

c) Show that $(S^\perp)^\perp$ is the smallest closed subspace of V containing S .

d) Show that if S is dense in V then $S^\perp = 0$. Does the converse hold?