

**Lior Silberman's Math 412: Problem set 8, due 9/11/2017**

**Practice: Norms**

P1. Call two norms  $\|\cdot\|_1, \|\cdot\|_2$  on  $V$  *equivalent* if there are constants  $c, C > 0$  such that for all  $\underline{v} \in V$ ,

$$c \|\underline{v}\|_1 \leq \|\underline{v}\|_2 \leq C \|\underline{v}\|_1.$$

- (a) Show that this is an equivalence relation.
- (b) Suppose the two norms are equivalent and that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\underline{v}_n\|_1 = 0$  (that is, that  $\underline{v}_n \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{\|\cdot\|_1} \underline{0}$ ).  
 Show that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\underline{v}_n\|_2 = 0$  (that is, that  $\underline{v}_n \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{\|\cdot\|_2} \underline{0}$ ).
- (\*c) Show the converse of (b) also holds. In other words, two norms are equivalent iff they determine the same notion of convergence.

**Norms**

- Let  $f(x) = x^2$  on  $[-1, 1]$ .
  - For  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . Calculate  $\|f\|_{L^p} = \left( \int_{-1}^1 |f(x)|^p dx \right)^{1/p}$ .
  - Calculate  $\|f\|_{L^\infty} = \sup \{|f(x)| : -1 \leq x \leq 1\}$ . Check that  $\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \|f\|_{L^p} = \|f\|_{L^\infty}$ .
  - Calculate  $\|f\|_{H^2} = \left( \|f\|_{L^2}^2 + \|f'\|_{L^2}^2 + \|f''\|_{L^2}^2 \right)^{1/2}$ .

SUPP Show that the  $H^2$  norm is equivalent to the norm  $\left( \|f\|_{L^2}^2 + \|f''\|_{L^2}^2 \right)^{1/2}$ .
- Let  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ . Write  $\|A\|_p$  for its  $\ell^p \rightarrow \ell^p$  operator norm.
  - Show  $\|A\|_1 = \max_j \sum_{i=1}^n |a_{ij}|$ .
  - Show that  $\|A\|_\infty = \max_i \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}|$ .

RMK See below on *duality*.
- The *spectral radius* of  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$  is the magnitude of its largest eigenvalue:  $\rho(A) = \max \{|\lambda| : \lambda \in \text{Spec}(A)\}$ .
  - Show that for any norm  $\|\cdot\|$  on  $\mathbb{C}^n$  and any  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ ,  $\rho(A) \leq \|A\|$ .
  - Suppose that  $A$  is diagonalizable. Show that there is a norm on  $\mathbb{C}^n$  such that  $\|A\| = \rho(A)$ .
  - (\*c) Show that if  $A$  is Hermitian then  $\|A\|_2 = \rho(A)$ .
  - Show that if  $A, B$  are similar, and  $\|\cdot\|$  is any norm in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , then  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|A^m\|^{1/m} = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|B^m\|^{1/m}$  (in the sense that, if one limit exists, then so does the other, and they are equal).
  - (\*\*e) Show that for any norm on  $\mathbb{C}^n$  and any  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$ , we have  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \|A^m\|^{1/m} = \rho(A)$ .
- The *Hilbert–Schmidt* norm on  $M_n(\mathbb{C})$  is  $\|A\|_{\text{HS}} = \left( \sum_{i,j=1}^n |a_{ij}|^2 \right)^{1/2}$ .
 

PRAC Verify that  $\|A\|_{\text{HS}} = \left( \text{Tr}(A^\dagger A) \right)^{1/2}$ .

  - Show that  $\|\cdot\|_{\text{HS}}$  is, indeed, a norm.
  - Show that  $\|A\|_2 \leq \|A\|_{\text{HS}}$ .

### Extra credit: Norms and constructions

5. (Direct sum) Let  $\{(V_i, \|\cdot\|_i)\}_{i=1}^n$  be normed spaces, and let  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ . For  $\underline{v} = (v_i) \in \bigoplus_{i=1}^n V_i$  define

$$\|\underline{v}\| = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \|v_i\|_i^p \right)^{1/p}.$$

Show that this defines a norm on  $\bigoplus_{i=1}^n V_i$ .

DEF This operation is called the  $L^p$ -sum of the normed spaces.

6. (Quotient) Let  $(V, \|\cdot\|)$  be a normed space, and let  $W \subset V$  be a subspace. For  $\underline{v} + W \in V/W$  set  $\|\underline{v} + W\|_{V/W} = \inf \{\|\underline{v} + \underline{w}\| : \underline{w} \in W\}$ .
- (a) Show that  $\|\cdot\|_{V/W}$  is 1-homogenous and satisfies the triangle inequality (a “seminorm”).
- (b) Show that  $\|\underline{v} + W\|_{V/W} = 0$  iff  $v$  is in the closure of  $W$ , so that  $\|\cdot\|_{V/W}$  is a norm iff  $W$  is closed in  $V$ .

For duality in norms see problems A, B. Norming tensor product spaces is complicated.

### Supplementary problems: Constructions

- A. Let  $V$  be a normed space. The operator norm on  $V^* = \text{Hom}_{\text{cts}}(V, F)$  is called the *dual norm*.
- (a) Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^n$  and identify  $V^*$  with  $\mathbb{R}^n$  via the usual pairing. Show that the norm on  $V^*$  dual to the  $\ell^1$ -norm is the  $\ell^\infty$  norm and vice versa. Show that the  $\ell^2$ -norm is self-dual.
- (b) Use A(a),(b) to show that the dual to the  $\ell^p$  norm on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is the  $\ell^q$  norm where  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ .
- (c) Let  $U$  be another normed space and let  $T: U \rightarrow V$  be bounded. Let  $T': V' \rightarrow U'$  be the algebraic dual map as defined in this course. Show that for every  $\underline{v}^* \in V^* \subset V'$ ,  $T'\underline{v}^* \in U^*$  (that is, it is continuous). We write  $T^*: V^* \rightarrow U^*$  for the dual map restricted to continuous functionals.
- (d) Show that  $T^*$  is itself bounded, in that  $\|T^*\|_{V^* \rightarrow U^*} \leq \|T\|_{U \rightarrow V}$ .
- B. A *seminorm* on a vector space  $V$  is a map  $V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  that satisfies all the conditions of a norm except that it can be zero for non-zero vectors.
- (a) Show that for any  $f \in V'$ ,  $\varphi(\underline{v}) = |f(\underline{v})|$  is a seminorm.
- (b) Construct a seminorm on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  not of this form.
- (c) Let  $\Phi$  be a family of seminorms on  $V$  which is pointwise bounded. Show that  $\bar{\varphi}(\underline{v}) = \sup \{\varphi(\underline{v}) \mid \varphi \in \Phi\}$  is again a seminorm.

### Supplementary problem: Continuity

- C. Let  $V, W$  be normed vector spaces, equipped with the metric topology coming from the norm. Let  $T \in \text{Hom}_F(V, W)$ . Show that the following are equivalent:
- (1)  $T$  is continuous.
  - (2)  $T$  is continuous at zero.
  - (3)  $T$  is *bounded*:  $\|T\|_{V \rightarrow W} < \infty$ , that is: for some  $C > 0$  and all  $\underline{v} \in V$ ,  $\|T\underline{v}\|_W \leq C \|\underline{v}\|_V$ .
- Hint: the same idea is used in problem P1

### Supplementary problems: Completeness

- D. Let  $\{v_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  be a Cauchy sequence in a normed space. Show that  $\{\|v_n\|\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  is a Cauchy sequence.
- E. (The completion) Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space.
- (a) Let  $\{x_n\}, \{y_n\} \subset X$  be two Cauchy sequences. Show that  $\{d(x_n, y_n)\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset \mathbb{R}$  is a Cauchy sequence.
- DEF Let  $(\tilde{X}, \tilde{d})$  denote the set of Cauchy sequences in  $X$  with the distance  $\tilde{d}(\underline{x}, \underline{y}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(x_n, y_n)$ .
- (b) Show that  $\tilde{d}$  satisfies all the axioms of a metric except that it can be non-zero for distinct sequences.
- (c) Show that the relation  $\underline{x} \sim \underline{y} \iff \tilde{d}(\underline{x}, \underline{y}) = 0$  is an equivalence relation.
- (d) Let  $\hat{X} = \tilde{X} / \sim$  be the set of equivalence classes. Show that  $\tilde{d}: \tilde{X} \times \tilde{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  descends to a well-defined function  $\hat{d}: \hat{X} \times \hat{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  which is a metric.
- (e) Show that  $(\hat{X}, \hat{d})$  is a complete metric space.
- DEF For  $x \in X$  let  $\iota(x) \in \hat{X}$  be the equivalence class of the constant sequence  $x$ .
- (f) Show that  $\iota: X \rightarrow \hat{X}$  is an isometric embedding with dense image.
- (g) (Universal property) Show that for any complete metric space  $(Y, d_Y)$  and any uniformly continuous  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  there is a unique extension  $\hat{f}: \hat{X} \rightarrow Y$  such that  $\hat{f} \circ \iota = f$ .
- (h) Show that triples  $(\hat{X}, \hat{d}, \iota)$  satisfying the property of (g) are unique up to a unique isomorphism.
- F. (Complete fields) An *absolute value* on a field  $F$  is a map  $|\cdot|: F \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  such that (a)  $|xy| = |x||y|$  (b)  $|x| = 0 \iff x = 0$  (c)  $|x+y| \leq |x| + |y|$ .
- DEF Fix a prime number  $p$ . For  $x \in \mathbb{Q}^\times$  write  $x = \frac{a}{b}p^k$  for some non-zero  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  prime to  $p$  and  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and set  $|x|_p = p^{-k}$  (also,  $|0|_p = 0$ ).
- (a) Show that  $|\cdot|_p$  is an absolute value on  $\mathbb{Q}$  satisfying the *ultrametric inequality*  $|x+y|_p \leq \max\{|x|_p, |y|_p\}$ .
- (b) Let  $|\cdot|$  be an absolute value on  $F$ . Show that  $d(x, y) = |x - y|$  is a metric on  $F$ .
- (c) Show that (with respect to the metric of (b)) the absolute value is uniformly continuous  $F \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ , addition is a uniformly continuous map  $F \times F \rightarrow F$ , and that for any  $r > 0$  multiplication is a uniformly continuous map  $B(0, r) \times B(0, r) \rightarrow B(0, r^2)$ .
- (d) Let  $\hat{F}$  be the completion of  $F$  wrt  $|\cdot|$ . Show that the absolute value and the operations of addition and multiplication extend to maps  $|\cdot|: \hat{F} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ ,  $+, \cdot: \hat{F} \times \hat{F} \rightarrow \hat{F}$  giving it the structure of a ring with an absolute value  $|\cdot|$ .
- (e) Show that every non-zero element of  $\hat{F}$  has an inverse, that is that  $\hat{F}$  is a field.
- DEF Write  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  for the completion of  $\mathbb{Q}$  wrt  $|\cdot|_p$ .
- FACT Closed bounded sets in  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  are compact, as in  $\mathbb{R}$ .