

# Functional Analysis

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## 1 Basic concepts

**Definition 1.1** A point set  $X$  is called a metric space if there exists a map

$$d : X \times X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}^+},$$

such that, for all  $x, y, z \in X$ , (i)  $d(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y$ ; (ii)  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ ; (iii)  $d(x, z) \leq d(x, y) + d(y, z)$  (triangle inequality). The map  $d$  is called the metric.

**Definition 1.2** A real vector space  $X$  is called a real normed space if there exists a map

$$\|\cdot\| : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}^+},$$

such that, for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $x, y \in X$ , (i)  $\|x\| = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$ ; (ii)  $\|\lambda x\| = |\lambda| \|x\|$ ; (iii)  $\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$  (triangle inequality). The map  $\|\cdot\|$  is called the norm. If  $\|\cdot\|$  only satisfies (ii) and (iii) then it is called a seminorm. Note that  $X$  is automatically a metric space with respect to the metric defined by  $d(x, y) = \|x - y\|$ .

**Exercise 1** In  $\mathbb{R}^2$  we consider for  $x = (x_1, x_2)$  the norms

$$\begin{aligned} \|x\|_1 &= |x_1| + |x_2|, \\ \|x\|_2 &= \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}, \\ \|x\|_\infty &= \max\{|x_1|, |x_2|\}. \end{aligned}$$

Prove that  $\|\cdot\|_1$ ,  $\|\cdot\|_2$  and  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$  are norms in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and draw the corresponding unit balls.

**Exercise 2** Prove that in  $\mathbb{R}^k$  the norms  $\|\cdot\|_1$ ,  $\|\cdot\|_2$  and  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$  satisfy

$$\|x\|_\infty \leq \|x\|_2 \leq \|x\|_1 \leq \sqrt{k} \|x\|_2 \leq k \|x\|_\infty \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}^k.$$

**Definition 1.3** Two normed spaces  $X$  and  $Y$  are called isometric if there exists an isometry  $T : X \rightarrow Y$ , i.e.  $T$  is linear, bijective and norm preserving ( $\forall x \in X : \|T(x)\| = \|x\|$ ).

**Definition 1.4** The set  $B(y, R) = \{x \in X : d(x, y) < R\}$  is called an open ball with center  $y$  and radius  $R$ .

**Definition 1.5** Let  $S$  be a subset of a metric or normed space  $X$ .  $S$  is called open ( $\Leftrightarrow X \setminus S$  is closed) if for every  $y \in S$  there exists  $R > 0$  such that  $B(y, R) \subset S$ . The open sets form a topology on  $X$ , i.e. (i)  $\emptyset$  and  $X$  are open; (ii) unions of open sets are open; (iii) finite intersections of open sets are open. This topology is denoted by  $\tau$ .

**Proposition 1.6** *Equivalent norms on a vector space  $X$  define the same topology. Two norms  $\|\cdot\|$  and  $\|\cdot\|$  are called equivalent if there exist  $A, B > 0$  such that for all  $x \in X$*

$$A\|x\| \leq \|x\| \leq B\|x\|.$$

**Exercise 3** If  $X$  and  $Y$  are normed spaces then  $X \times Y$  is also a normed space. The norms  $\|(x, y)\| = \|x\| + \|y\|$ ,  $\|(x, y)\| = \sqrt{\|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2}$  and  $\|(x, y)\| = \max(\|x\|, \|y\|)$  are all equivalent.

**Definition 1.7** Let  $X$  be a metric space, and  $(x_n)_{n=1}^\infty \subset X$  a sequence. Then  $(x_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  is called convergent with limit  $\bar{x} \in X$  (notation  $x_n \rightarrow \bar{x}$ ) if  $d(x_n, \bar{x}) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . If  $d(x_n, x_m) \rightarrow 0$  as  $m, n \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $(x_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  is called a Cauchy sequence.

**Theorem 1.8** (*Riesz' Lemma*) *Let  $X$  be a normed space and  $L \subset X$ ,  $L \neq X$ , a closed subspace. For every  $\theta \in (0, 1)$  there exists  $x_\theta \in X$  with  $\|x_\theta\| = 1$  such that  $d(x_\theta, L) = \inf\{\|x - x_\theta\| : x \in L\} > \theta$ .*

**Definition 1.9** Let  $X$  be a normed space. Then  $X$  has the Heine-Borel property if every bounded sequence in  $X$  has a convergent subsequence (with limit in  $X$ ).

**Theorem 1.10** *Let  $X$  be a normed space. Then  $X$  has the Heine-Borel property if and only if  $X$  is finite dimensional.*

**Theorem 1.11** *Let  $X$  be a finite dimensional normed space. Then all norms on  $X$  are equivalent and there is norm on  $X$  such that with this norm  $X$  is isometric to  $\mathbb{R}^N$  with the standard Euclidean norm where  $N$  is the dimension of  $X$ .*

**Definition 1.12** A metric space  $X$  is called complete if every Cauchy sequence in  $X$  is convergent. A complete normed space is called a Banach space.

**Theorem 1.13** (*Cantor*) *Let  $X$  be a metric space. Then  $X$  is complete if and only if  $\bigcap_{n=1}^\infty F_n$  is a singleton for every sequence of nonempty closed sets  $F_1 \supset F_2 \supset \dots$  with  $\text{diam}(F_n) = \sup\{d(x, y) : x, y \in F_n\} \rightarrow 0$ .*

**Exercise 4** Let  $X$  be a finite dimensional normed space. Then  $X$  is complete.

**Exercise 5** (convergence of absolutely convergent series) Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $x_n \in X$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|x_n\| < \infty \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n \text{ is convergent in } X.$$

**Proposition 1.14** *A closed subset of a complete metric space is also a complete metric space (with the same metric). In particular is every closed subset of a Banach space a complete metric space and every closed subspace of a Banach space a Banach space.*

**Theorem 1.15** (*Banach contraction theorem*) Let  $X$  be a complete metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow X$  a contraction, i.e. a map satisfying

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq \theta d(x, y) \quad \forall x, y \in X,$$

for some fixed  $\theta \in [0, 1)$ . Then  $T$  has a unique fixed point  $\bar{x} \in X$ . Moreover, if  $x_0 \in X$  is arbitrary, and  $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is defined by

$$x_n = Tx_{n-1} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N},$$

then  $x_n \rightarrow \bar{x}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Theorem 1.16** (*Baire*) Let  $X$  be a complete metric space and suppose that  $X_n \subset X$  with  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  are closed sets with empty interior. Then  $\cup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} X_n$  also has empty interior.

**Exercise 6** Let  $X$  be an infinite dimensional Banach space. Prove that  $X$  is not the union of a countable family of finite dimensional subspaces.

**Definition 1.17** Let  $X$  be a vector space. A set  $S \subset X$  is called linearly independent if  $\lambda_1 x_1 + \dots + \lambda_N x_N = 0$  implies  $\lambda_1 = \dots = \lambda_N = 0$  for any choice of  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x_1, \dots, x_N \in S$  and  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N \in \mathbb{R}$ . A linearly independent set  $S \subset X$  is called a Hamel basis of  $X$  if every  $x \in X$  can be written as  $x = \lambda_1 x_1 + \dots + \lambda_N x_N$  with  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x_1, \dots, x_N \in S$  and  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Exercise 7** Let  $X$  be an infinite dimensional Banach space. Prove that  $X$  does not have a countable Hamel basis.

## 2 Examples of normed spaces

### 2.1 $\mathbb{R}^N$ , sequence spaces

On  $\mathbb{R}^N$  we have the norms

$$\|x\|_p = \left( \sum_{n=1}^N |x_n|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad (1 \leq p < \infty) \quad \text{and} \quad \|x\|_{\infty} = \max_{n=1, \dots, N} |x_n|.$$

**Definition 2.1**

$$1 \leq p < \infty : \quad l^p = \{x = (x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots) : \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x_n|^p < \infty\}.$$

$$l^\infty = \{x = (x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots) : \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |x_n| < \infty\}.$$

$$(c) = \{x = (x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots) : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \text{ exists}\}.$$

$$(c_0) = \{x = (x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots) : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 0\}.$$

**Theorem 2.2**  $l^p$  is a Banach space for  $1 \leq p < \infty$  w.r.t. the norm  $\|x\|_p = (\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x_n|^p)^{\frac{1}{p}}$ .  $l^\infty$  is a Banach space w.r.t. the norm  $\|x\|_\infty = \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |x_n|$ . (c) and  $(c_0)$  are closed subspaces of  $l^\infty$ .

**Exercise 8**

$$\text{If } 1 < p, q < \infty, \quad \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1, \quad x, y \geq 0, \quad \text{then } xy \leq \frac{x^p}{p} + \frac{y^q}{q},$$

with equality if and only if  $y = x^{p-1}$ . (Note:  $(p-1)(q-1) = 1$ .)

**Exercise 9** (Hölder's inequality)

$$\text{If } 1 \leq p, q \leq \infty, \quad \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1, \quad x \in l^p, y \in l^q, \quad \text{then } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x_n y_n| \leq \|x\|_p \|y\|_q.$$

**Exercise 10** ( $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ ) Prove the triangle inequality for  $\|\cdot\|_p$ . Hint:  $\sum |x_n + y_n|^p = \sum |x_n + y_n| |x_n + y_n|^{p-1}$ , apply Hölder's inequality.

**Exercise 11** ( $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ ) Prove that  $l^p$  is complete w.r.t.  $\|\cdot\|_p$ .

**Exercise 12** Prove that (c) and  $(c_0)$  are closed in  $l^\infty$ .

**Exercise 13** Prove that  $1 < p < r < \infty$  implies  $l^1 \subset l^p \subset l^r \subset l^\infty$  (strict inclusions), that  $\|x\|_1 \geq \|x\|_p \geq \|x\|_r \geq \|x\|_\infty$  and that  $\|x\|_p \rightarrow \|x\|_\infty$  as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ . Here we use the convention that  $\|x\|_p = \infty$  if  $x \notin l^p$ .

**2.2 Spaces of measurable functions**

Throughout this subsection  $(\Omega, \Lambda, \mu)$  is a measure space, i.e.  $\Omega$  is a set,  $\Lambda$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra of measurable subsets of  $\Omega$  and  $\mu : \Lambda \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  a measure. We assume that subsets of measurable sets with measure zero are measurable. (The Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra's used in probability in general do not have this property). We also assume that  $(\Omega, \Lambda, \mu)$  is  $\sigma$ -finite, i.e.  $\Omega = \cup_{n=1}^{\infty} \Omega_n$  with  $\Omega_n \in \Lambda$  and  $\mu(\Omega_n) < \infty$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}(\Omega, \Lambda, \mu) = \mathcal{M}(\Omega)$  the vector space of all real valued measurable functions on  $\Omega$ . On this set we define an equivalence relation by

$$f \sim g \iff \mu(\{x \in \Omega : f(x) \neq g(x)\}) = 0.$$

The set  $\mathcal{M}/\sim$  of all equivalence classes  $[f]$  with  $f \in \mathcal{M}$  is denoted by  $M = M(\Omega, \Lambda, \mu) = M(\Omega)$ . It is customary to write  $f$  instead of  $[f]$ . The set  $M$  is again a vector space, with the obvious definitions of addition and scalar multiplication in terms of representatives of equivalence classes.

**Definition 2.3**

$$1 \leq p < \infty : \quad L^p(\Omega) = \{f = [f] \in M(\Omega) : \int_{\Omega} |f|^p < \infty\}, \quad \|f\|_p = \left(\int_{\Omega} |f|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

$$L^\infty(\Omega) = \{f = [f] \in M(\Omega) : \exists g \in [f] \text{ with } \sup_{\Omega} |g| < \infty\}, \quad \|f\|_\infty = \sup_{\Omega} |g|.$$

**Theorem 2.4**  $L^p = L^p(\Omega)$  is a Banach space for  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$  w.r.t. the norm  $\|f\|_p$ .

**Exercise 14** (Hölder’s inequality)

$$\text{If } 1 \leq p, q \leq \infty, \quad \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1, \quad f \in L^p, g \in L^q, \quad \text{then } \|fg\|_1 \leq \|f\|_p \|g\|_q.$$

**Exercise 15** ( $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ ) Prove the triangle inequality for  $\|\cdot\|_p$ .

**Exercise 16** ( $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ ) Prove that  $L^p$  is complete w.r.t.  $\|\cdot\|_p$ . Hint: for  $p < \infty$  take a Cauchy sequence  $(f_n)$  and assume first, taking a subsequence if necessary, that  $\|f_{n+1} - f_n\| < 2^{-n}$ . Consider  $g_n = |f_1| + |f_2 - f_1| + \dots + |f_n - f_{n-1}|$  and show, using the monotonic convergence theorem, that  $0 \leq g_n \uparrow g \in L^p$  outside a set of measure zero. Hence also  $f_n$  converges outside this set to a limit function  $f$ . Use the dominated convergence theorem to conclude that  $f \in L^p$  and  $\|f_n - f\|_p \rightarrow 0$ . For  $p = \infty$ : take a Cauchy sequence  $(f_n)$  and first cut out a set of measure zero such that on the complement  $|f_n(x) - f_m(x)| \leq \|f_n - f_m\|_\infty$  for all  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Exercise 17** If  $\Omega = \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\Lambda = \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$  is the collection of all subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$  and  $\mu(A)$  is the number of elements in  $A$  for every  $A \in \Lambda$ , then  $L^p$  is isometric to  $l^p$ .

**Exercise 18** Assume that  $\mu(\Omega) = 1$ . Prove that  $1 < p < r < \infty$  implies  $L^1 \supset L^p \supset L^r \supset L^\infty$  (strict inclusions) and that  $\|f\|_1 \leq \|f\|_p \leq \|f\|_r \leq \|f\|_\infty$ .

**2.3 Spaces of continuous functions**

**Theorem 2.5** Let  $T > 0$ . Then  $C([0, T])$ , the linear space of real valued continuous functions on  $[0, T]$  endowed with the norm  $\|f\|_\infty = \max_{0 \leq t \leq T} |f(t)|$ , is a Banach space. More generally, if  $X$  is a compact topological space, then  $C(X)$ , the linear space of real valued continuous functions on  $X$ , is a Banach space with  $\|f\|_\infty = \max_{x \in X} |f(x)|$ .

**Theorem 2.6** If  $X$  is a topological space, then  $C_b(X)$ , the linear space of bounded real valued continuous functions on  $X$ , is a Banach space with  $\|f\|_\infty = \sup_{x \in X} |f(x)|$ . If  $X$  is compact, then  $C_b(X) = C(X)$ .

In fact  $C_b(X)$  is a Banach algebra.

**Exercise 19** Let  $V = C([a, b])$ . Prove that  $\|f\|_1 = \int_a^b |f(x)|$  is a norm on  $V$ , but that  $V$  is not complete. Show that the completion  $\hat{V}$  of  $V$  is  $L_1([a, b])$ .

**Exercise 20** Show that the set  $\mathcal{P}([a, b])$  of polynomials on  $[a, b]$  is a normed linear space with norm  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$  which is not Banach. However,  $\mathcal{P}_n([a, b])$ , the set of all polynomials of order  $\leq n$ , is Banach.

**Exercise 21** Let  $X$  be a non-empty set and let  $B(X)$  be the set of all bounded functions on  $X$ . Prove that  $B(X)$  is Banach w.r.t. the supremum norm.

**Exercise 22** Let  $C^1([a, b])$  be the vector space of all functions that are continuously differentiable on  $[a, b]$ . For  $f \in C^1([a, b])$  let

$$\rho_1(f) = \max_{a \leq x \leq b} |f'(x)| = \|f'\|_\infty.$$

Show that  $\rho_1$  is a semi-norm but not a norm. Show that

$$\|f\| = \|f\|_\infty + \rho_1(f) = \|f\|_\infty + \|f'\|_\infty$$

is a norm on  $C^1([a, b])$  and that  $C^1([a, b])$  is a Banach space w.r.t. this norm. Show that  $C^1([a, b])$  is not a Banach space w.r.t.  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ .

**Exercise 23** Give an example of a sequence  $(f_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  in  $C([0, 1])$  and  $f \in C([0, 1])$  such that  $f_n(x) \rightarrow f(x)$  point-wise on  $[0, 1]$ , but  $\|f_n - f\|_\infty \not\rightarrow 0$ . Prove that if  $\{f_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  is a sequence in  $C([0, 1])$  and  $f \in C([0, 1])$  is such that  $f_n(x) \uparrow f(x)$  for all  $x \in [0, 1]$ , then  $\|f_n - f\|_\infty \rightarrow 0$  (*Dini's theorem*).

**Exercise 24** For  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$  let  $C^{0,\alpha}([a, b])$  be the vector space of all functions that are uniformly Hölder continuous on  $[a, b]$ , i.e. there exists  $C > 0$  such that  $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq C|x - y|^\alpha$  for all  $x, y \in [a, b]$ . For  $f \in C^{0,\alpha}([a, b])$  let

$$[f]_\alpha = \sup_{a \leq x < y \leq b} \frac{|f(x) - f(y)|}{|x - y|^\alpha}.$$

Show that  $[\cdot]_\alpha$  is a semi-norm but not a norm. Show that

$$\|f\|_\alpha = \|f\|_\infty + [f]_\alpha$$

is a norm on  $C^{0,\alpha}([a, b])$  and that  $C^{0,\alpha}([a, b])$  is a Banach space w.r.t. this norm. Show that  $C^{0,\alpha}([a, b])$  is not a Banach space w.r.t.  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ .

### 3 Axiom of choice and Zorn's lemma

**Axiom.** (Axiom of choice) If  $(X_\alpha)_\alpha \in A$  is a family of nonempty sets indexed by  $\alpha \in A$ , then there exists a (choice) function  $f : A \rightarrow \cup_{\alpha \in A} X_\alpha$  such that  $f(\alpha) \in X_\alpha$  for every  $\alpha \in A$ .

**Definition 3.1** Let  $X$  be a point set. A relation  $<$  on  $X$  is called a partial order if, for all  $x, y, z \in X$ , (i)  $x < x$ ; (ii)  $x < y$  and  $y < x$  implies  $x = y$ ; (iii)  $x < y$  and  $y < z$  implies  $x < z$ .

If  $A \subset X$  has the property that for every  $x, y \in A$  with  $x \neq y$  either  $x < y$  or  $y < x$  holds, then  $A$  is called a chain in  $X$ .

If  $A \subset X$  and  $m \in X$  are such that  $a < m$  for all  $a \in A$ , then  $m$  is called an upper bound for  $A$ .

If  $a \in X$  has the property that for every  $x \in X$  the implication  $a < x \Rightarrow a = x$  holds, then  $a$  is called a maximal element in  $X$ .

**Axiom.** (Zorn's Lemma) If  $X$  is a partially ordered set such that every chain in  $X$  has an upper bound, then  $X$  has a maximal element.

**Theorem 3.2** *The axiom of choice and Zorn's lemma are equivalent.*

**Exercise 25** Prove that every vector space  $X$  has a Hamel basis. Hint: consider the set of all linearly independent sets  $S \subset X$ , partially ordered by inclusion, i.e.  $S_1 < S_2 \iff S_1 \subset S_2$ , and apply Zorn's lemma.

**Theorem 3.3** (Hahn-Banach) *Let  $X$  be a vector space and suppose that  $p : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfies (i)  $p(\lambda x) = \lambda p(x)$ ; (ii)  $p(x + y) \leq p(x) + p(y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and for all  $\lambda \geq 0$ . If  $L \subset X$  is a linear subspace of  $X$  and  $f : L \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a linear map with  $f(x) \leq p(x)$  for all  $x \in L$ , then there exists a linear map  $F : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $F(x) = f(x)$  for all  $x \in L$  and  $F(x) \leq p(x)$  for all  $x \in X$ .*

## 4 Separable spaces

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**Definition 4.1** A normed space is called separable if there exists a map  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow X$  such that  $X$  is the closure of  $f(\mathbb{N})$ .

Usually theorems for separable spaces can be proved without using the (uncountable) axiom of choice (e.g. Hahn-Banach theorems).

**Theorem 4.2** *Let  $(\Omega, \Lambda, \mu)$  be a  $\sigma$ -finite measure space. Then  $L^p$  is separable for  $1 \leq p < \infty$ .*

In general  $L^\infty$  is not separable.

**Exercise 26** Prove that  $l^p$  is separable for  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and that  $l^\infty$  is not separable.

**Exercise 27** Prove that  $(c)$  and  $(c_0)$  are separable.

**Exercise 28** Prove that  $C([0, 1])$  is separable.

**Exercise 29** Prove that  $L^\infty([0, 1])$  is not separable.

**Exercise 30** Prove that  $C^\alpha([0, 1])$  is not separable.

## 5 Bounded linear maps, dual spaces

**Definition 5.1** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be normed spaces, and  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  a linear map, i.e.

$$T(\lambda x + \mu y) = \lambda T(x) + \mu T(y) \quad \text{for all } \lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } x, y \in X.$$

Then  $T$  is called bounded if

$$\|T\| = \sup_{0 \neq x \in X} \frac{\|T(x)\|_Y}{\|x\|_X} < \infty.$$

The map  $T \rightarrow \|T\|$  defines a norm on the vector space  $B(X, Y)$  of bounded linear maps  $T : X \rightarrow Y$ , so that  $B(X, Y)$  is a normed space. In the case that  $Y = \mathbb{R}$ , the space  $X^* = B(X, \mathbb{R})$  is called the dual space of  $X$ . Alternative notation:  $\langle f, x \rangle = f(x)$  for  $f \in X^*$  and  $x \in X$ . The space  $X^{**} = (X^*)^*$  is called the second dual space of  $X$ .

**Exercise 31** Determine  $B(\mathbb{R}^m, \mathbb{R}^n)$ . For the calculation of the norm (for different choices of the norms on  $\mathbb{R}^m$  and  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ) see the courses by Spijker et al.

**Theorem 5.2** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be normed spaces, and  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  a linear map. Then  $T \in B(X, Y) \iff T$  is continuous in 0  $\iff T : X \rightarrow Y$  is uniformly continuous.

**Theorem 5.3** Let  $X$  be a normed space and  $Y$  a Banach space. Then  $B(X, Y)$  is also a Banach space. In particular every dual space is a Banach space.

**Theorem 5.4** Let  $X$  be a normed space. Then  $X$  is separable if  $X^*$  is separable.

**Theorem 5.5** (Hahn-Banach extension theorem for bounded linear functionals) Let  $X$  be a normed space,  $L \subset X$  a subspace and  $\phi \in L^*$ . Then there exists  $\Phi \in X^*$ , such that

$$\Phi|_L = \phi \quad \text{and} \quad \|\Phi\|_{X^*} = \|\phi\|_{L^*}.$$

**Exercise 32** Let  $X$  be a normed space,  $L \subset X$  a subspace and  $x_0 \in X$  with  $d = d(x_0, L) = \inf\{\|x - x_0\| : x \in L\} > 0$ . Then there exists  $F \in X^*$  with  $\|F\| = 1$ ,  $F|_L = 0$  and  $F(x_0) = d$ .

**Exercise 33** Let  $X$  be a normed space and  $x \in X$ . Then there exists  $F \in X^*$  with  $\|F\| = 1$  and  $F(x) = \|x\|$ .

**Exercise 34** Let  $X$  be a normed space. Denote the set of linear maps from  $X$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  by  $X^\#$ . Then  $X^* = X^\# \iff X$  is finite dimensional.

**Exercise 35** Define the map  $J : X \rightarrow X^{**}$  by

$$J(x) : f \rightarrow \langle J(x), f \rangle = \langle f, x \rangle$$

for every  $x \in X$ . Then  $J : X \rightarrow J(X)$  is an isometry.

**Definition 5.6**  $X$  is called reflexive if  $J(X) = X^{**}$ .

**Theorem 5.7** Let  $X$  be a Banach space. Then  $X$  is reflexive if and only if  $X^*$  is reflexive. Also  $X$  is reflexive and separable if and only if  $X^*$  is reflexive and separable. If  $X$  is reflexive and  $L \subset X$  is a closed subspace then  $L$  is reflexive.

**Theorem 5.8** (Banach-Steinhaus) Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces and  $T_n : X \rightarrow Y$  with  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  a sequence of bounded linear maps. Then

$$\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|T_n(x)\|_Y < \infty \text{ for every fixed } x \in X \iff \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|T_n\|_{B(X,Y)} < \infty.$$

**Theorem 5.9** (Open Mapping Theorem) Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces and let  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  be bounded linear and surjective. Then  $T(B_X(0,1))$  contains  $B_Y(0,r)$  for some  $r > 0$ .

**Theorem 5.10** (Closed Graph Theorem) Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces and let  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  be linear. Denote the graph of  $T$  in  $X \times Y$  by  $G(T) = \{(x, T(x)) : x \in X\}$ . Then

$$G(T) \text{ is closed in } X \times Y \iff T \in B(X, Y).$$

**Exercise 36** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces and let  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  be bounded linear and surjective. Then there exists  $c > 0$  such that for all  $y \in Y$  there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $T(x) = y$  and  $\|x\|_X \leq c\|y\|_Y$ .

**Theorem 5.11** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces and  $T \in B(X, Y)$ . If  $T$  is bijective then  $T^{-1} \in B(Y, X)$ .

**Definition 5.12** Two normed spaces  $X$  and  $Y$  are called isomorphic if there exists a bijective  $T \in B(X, Y)$  with  $T^{-1} \in B(Y, X)$ .

**Exercise 37** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces,  $T \in B(X, Y)$  and  $T_n \in B(X, Y)$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $T$  is bijective and  $T_n \rightarrow T$  in  $B(X, Y)$ , then  $T_n$  is bijective for  $n$  sufficiently large whence  $T_n^{-1} \in B(Y, X)$ . Moreover,  $T_n^{-1} \rightarrow T^{-1}$  in  $B(Y, X)$ . Hint: first use Theorem 1.15 to solve  $T_n x = y$ .

**Exercise 38** Let  $X$  be a Banach space,  $I : X \rightarrow X$  the identity map and  $T \in B(X) = B(X, X)$ . If  $\|T\| < 1$  then  $I - T$  is bijective and

$$(I - T)^{-1} = I + T + T \circ T + T \circ T \circ T + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} T^n \in B(X, X).$$

**Exercise 39** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces and  $T_n \in B(X, Y)$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $T(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T_n(x)$  exists in  $Y$  for every  $x \in X$ , then  $T \in B(X, Y)$  and  $\|T\| \leq \liminf \|T_n\|$ .

## 6 Differentiation and integration

**Definition 6.1** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be normed spaces, and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  a map. Then  $f$  is called differentiable in  $x_0 \in X$  if there exists a  $T \in B(X, Y)$  such that  $R(x)$  defined by

$$f(x) = f(x_0) + T(x - x_0) + R(x),$$

satisfies  $\|R(x)\| = o(\|x - x_0\|)$  as  $x \rightarrow x_0$ . Notation:  $T = f'(x_0)$ . In the special case that  $X = \mathbb{R}$  we identify the map  $f'(x_0) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow Y$  with the image of 1, i.e. the usual derivative defined as the limit of the differential quotient. If  $A \subset X$  then  $f$  is called continuously differentiable on  $A$  if  $f$  is differentiable in every  $x$  in  $A$  and the map  $f' : A \rightarrow B(X, Y)$  is continuous.

**Theorem 6.2** Let  $[a, b]$  be a closed bounded interval,  $Y$  a Banach space, and  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow Y$  a continuous map. Then  $f$  is Riemann integrable on  $[a, b]$ , i.e.

$$\int_a^b f(t)dt = \lim_{\max\{t_i - t_{i-1}, i=1, \dots, N\} \rightarrow 0} \sum_{i=1}^N f(\theta_i)(t_i - t_{i-1}),$$

with  $a = t_0 \leq \theta_1 \leq t_1 \leq \theta_2 \leq \dots \leq t_N = b$ , exists and the limit is uniform in the choice of the partition and the intermediate points. Moreover,

$$\left\| \int_a^b f(t)dt \right\| \leq \int_a^b \|f(t)\|dt.$$

**Theorem 6.3** Let  $[a, b]$  be a closed bounded interval,  $Y$  a Banach space, and  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow Y$  differentiable with  $f' : [a, b] \rightarrow Y$  continuous. Then

$$\int_a^b f'(t)dt = f(b) - f(a).$$

**Theorem 6.4** (Mean Value Theorem) Let  $X$  be a normed space,  $Y$  a Banach space, and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  continuously differentiable. Then

$$f(x) - f(y) = \int_0^1 f'(tx + (1-t)y)(x - y)dt = \int_0^1 f'(tx + (1-t)y)dt(x - y),$$

for every  $x, y \in X$ .

**Theorem 6.5** (Implicit Function Theorem) Let  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  be Banach spaces, and  $f : X \times Y \rightarrow Z$  continuously differentiable. Define  $i_X : X \rightarrow X \times Y$  and  $i_Y : Y \rightarrow X \times Y$  by  $i_X(x) = (x, 0)$  and  $i_Y(y) = (0, y)$ . Suppose that  $f(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = 0$  and that the partial derivative

$$D_y f(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) = f'(\tilde{x}, \tilde{y}) \circ i_Y : Y \rightarrow Z,$$

is a bijection. Then there exist  $\delta_1, \delta_2 > 0$  and a continuously differentiable function

$$\phi : B_X(\tilde{x}, \delta_1) = \{x \in X : \|x - \tilde{x}\| < \delta_1\} \rightarrow B_Y(\tilde{y}, \delta_2) = \{y \in Y : \|y - \tilde{y}\| < \delta_2\},$$

such that  $f(x, \phi(x)) = 0$  for every  $x \in B_X(\tilde{x}, \delta_1)$  and such that there are no other solutions of  $f(x, y) = 0$  in  $B_X(\tilde{x}, \delta_1) \times B_Y(\tilde{y}, \delta_2)$ . Finally,

$$\phi'(x) = -(D_y f(x, \phi(x)))^{-1}(D_x f(x, \phi(x))),$$

where  $D_x f(x, y) = f'(x, y) \circ i_X$ .

## 7 Applications

**Exercise 40** Let  $T > 0$  and  $X = C([0, T])$ . Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be Lipschitz continuous, i.e.  $\exists L > 0 \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R} : |f(x) - f(y)| \leq L|x - y|$  and let  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $\Phi : X \rightarrow X$  defined by

$$\Phi(x)(t) = \xi + \int_0^t f(x(s)) ds,$$

is a contraction if  $T < \frac{1}{L}$ . What is the initial value problem satisfied by the unique fix point of  $\Phi$ ?

**Exercise 41** Let  $T > 0$  and  $X = C([0, T])$ . Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuously differentiable. Then  $\Phi : X \rightarrow X$  defined by

$$\Phi(x)(t) = \xi + \int_0^t f(x(s)) ds,$$

is continuously differentiable. Determine  $\Phi'(x)$ . Do the same for  $\Phi$  considered as function of  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $x \in C([0, T])$  and determine also the partial derivatives  $D_\xi \Phi(\xi, x)$  and  $D_x \Phi(\xi, x)$ .

**Exercise 42** Let  $T > 0$  and  $X = C([0, T])$ . Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuously differentiable. Let  $\Phi : \mathbb{R} \times X \rightarrow X$  be defined by

$$\Psi(\xi, x)(t) = x(t) - \xi - \int_0^t f(x(s)) ds,$$

and let  $\Psi(\tilde{\xi}, \tilde{x}) = 0$ . Apply the implicit function theorem and conclude that there exists a continuously differentiable function  $\xi \rightarrow x(\xi) \in C([0, T])$ , defined in a neighbourhood of  $\tilde{\xi}$ , such that  $\Psi(\xi, x(\xi)) = 0$ . For the invertibility condition you may assume that  $T$  is small. Determine an integral equation that defines  $y = x'(\xi)$ . What is the initial value problem solved by  $y$ ?

**Exercise 43** Let  $T > 0$  and  $X = C([0, T])$ . Let  $f : (x, \lambda) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow f(x, \lambda) \in \mathbb{R}$  be continuously differentiable. Let  $\Phi : \mathbb{R} \times X \rightarrow X$  be defined by

$$\Psi(\lambda, x)(t) = x(t) - \int_0^t f(x(s), \lambda) ds,$$

and let  $\Psi(\tilde{\lambda}, \tilde{x}) = 0$ . Apply the implicit function theorem and conclude that there exists a continuously differentiable function  $\lambda \rightarrow x(\lambda) \in C([0, T])$ , defined in a neighbourhood of  $\tilde{\lambda}$ , such that  $\Psi(\lambda, x(\lambda)) = 0$ . For the invertibility condition you may assume that  $T$  is small. Determine an integral equation that defines  $y = x'(\tilde{\lambda})$ . What is the initial value problem solved by  $y$ ?

## 8 Examples of dual spaces

### 8.1 $L^p$

**Theorem 8.1** Let  $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$  and  $(\Omega, \Lambda, \mu)$  a  $\sigma$ -finite measure space. Define  $\Phi : L^q \rightarrow (L^p)^*$  by

$$\Phi(g) : f \in L^p \rightarrow \int_{\Omega} fgd\mu \in \mathbb{R},$$

for every  $g \in L^q$ . Then  $\Phi$  is linear and norm preserving, i.e.  $\|\Phi(g)\|_{(L^p)^*} = \|g\|_q$ . Moreover, if  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , then  $\Phi$  is surjective.

In short, we say that  $(L^p)^* = L^q$ , if  $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$  and  $p \neq \infty$ , and  $(L^\infty)^* \supset L^1$ . As a special case we have of course

**Theorem 8.2** Let  $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$  and  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$  Define  $\Phi : l^q \rightarrow (l^p)^*$  by

$$\Phi(y) : x = (x_1, x_2, \dots) \in l^p \rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n y_n \in \mathbb{R},$$

for every  $y = (y_1, y_2, \dots) \in l^q$ . Then  $\Phi$  is linear and norm preserving. If  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , then  $\Phi$  is surjective.

Note that  $L^1 \subset (L^\infty)^*$  (strict inclusion) because otherwise  $L^\infty$  would be separable.

**Exercise 44** Prove Theorem 8.2.

**Exercise 45** Prove that  $l^1$  is isometric to the duals of  $(c)$  and  $(c_0)$ .

## 9 Weak topologies

**Definition 9.1** Let  $X$  be a normed space. The weak topology  $\sigma(X, X^*)$  on  $X$  is the smallest topology on  $X$  for which every  $f \in X^*$  is a continuous function from  $X$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  (with respect to this topology).

**Theorem 9.2** Let  $X$  be a normed space. The weak topology coincides with the norm topology if and only if  $X$  is finite dimensional.

**Exercise 46** Let  $X$  be an infinite dimensional normed space. Show that for any  $A \subset X$  weakly open and  $a \in A$ , there must be a line through  $a$  completely contained in  $A$ . In particular  $A$  is unbounded if  $A \neq \emptyset$ .

**Exercise 47** Let  $X$  be an infinite dimensional normed space. Show that the weak closure of the sphere  $\{x \in X : \|x\| = 1\}$  is  $\{x \in X : \|x\| \leq 1\}$ .

In every topology one can define the concept of convergence. For  $x_n$  converging to  $x$  in the weak topology we use the notation  $x_n \rightharpoonup x$ .

**Proposition 9.3** Let  $X$  be a Banach space, and  $(x_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  a sequence in  $X$ . Then (i)  $x_n \rightharpoonup x \Leftrightarrow f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x) \quad \forall f \in X^*$ ; (ii)  $x_n \rightharpoonup x \Rightarrow \|x\|$  is bounded and  $\|x\| \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n\|$ .

**Exercise 48** Let  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $e_1 = (1, 0, 0, \dots), e_2 = (0, 1, 0, \dots), \dots$ . Then  $e_n \rightharpoonup 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Exercise 49** (difficult) In  $l^1$  weakly convergent sequences are also convergent in the norm topology. Why does this not contradict Theorem 9.2?

**Definition 9.4** The weak\* topology  $\sigma(X^*, X)$  on  $X^*$  is the smallest topology for which all  $x \in X$  considered as functions from  $X^*$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  are continuous.

**Theorem 9.5** Let  $X$  be a separable Banach space and let  $\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  be a dense subset of  $B = \{x \in X : \|x\| \leq 1\}$ . Define for  $f, g \in B^* = \{f \in X^* : \|f\| \leq 1\}$

$$d(f, g) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{f(x_n) - g(x_n)}{2^n}.$$

Then  $d$  is a metric on  $B^*$  and  $d$  induces a topology on  $B^*$  which coincides with the relative topology of the weak\* topology. In the same fashion: if  $X^*$  is separable, then there is a metric on  $B$  which induces on  $B$  the relative topology of the weak topology on  $X$ .

For convergence in the weak\* topology we write  $f_n \xrightarrow{*} f$ , and again this is equivalent to  $\langle f_n, x \rangle \rightarrow \langle f, x \rangle$  for all  $x \in X$ . The importance of the weak\* topology lies in

**Theorem 9.6** (Alaoglu) Let  $X$  be a Banach space and let  $B^* = \{f \in X^* : \|f\| \leq 1\}$ . Then  $B^*$  is compact in the weak\* topology.

The proof is based on the observation that  $X^*$  may be considered as a closed subset of the product  $\prod_{x \in X} \mathbb{R}$  equipped with the product topology and that  $B^*$  is a closed subset of  $\prod_{x \in X} [-\|x\|, \|x\|]$  which is compact, being a product of compact sets.

**Exercise 50** Let  $X$  be a separable reflexive space. Then every bounded sequence in  $X$  has a weakly convergent subsequence.

## 10 Locally convex topological vector spaces

If we consider a normed space  $X$  with its weak topology  $\sigma(X, X^*)$  we have that the topology is completely defined by a set of neighbourhoods of the origin which we may take to be of the form  $N = \{x \in X : |f_i(x)| < r_i, i = 1 \dots n\}$  where  $f_1, \dots, f_n \in X^*, r_1, \dots, r_n > 0$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . These neighbourhoods  $N$  have the following properties

$$(\text{convexity}) \quad x, y \in N, t \in [0, 1] \Rightarrow tx + (1 - t)y \in N$$

(symmetry)  $x \in N, |t| = 1, \Rightarrow tx \in N$

(absorbing)  $\forall x \in X \exists \lambda \in [0, \infty) : x \in \lambda N$

(scaling) If  $N$  is a neighbourhood then so is  $\lambda N$  for every  $\lambda > 0$ .

Neighbourhoods of points  $x \neq 0$  are simply of the form  $x + N$  where  $N$  is neighbourhood of 0. With these neighbourhoods  $X$  is a locally convex topological vector space. The algebraic vector space operations are continuous. The  $\sigma(X, X^*)$ -dual of  $X$ , i.e. the space of  $\sigma(X, X^*)$ -continuous linear functionals  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , coincides with  $X^*$ .

Similar statements hold for  $X^*$  and the  $\sigma(X^*, X)$ -topology. Here neighbourhoods of the origin may be taken of the form  $N = \{f \in X^* : |f(x_i)| < r_i, i = 1 \dots n\}$  where  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in X, r_1, \dots, r_n > 0$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . In particular  $X^*$  with the  $\sigma(X^*, X)$ -topology is a locally convex topological vector space and its  $\sigma(X^*, X)$ -dual is  $X$  (or better,  $J(X)$ , where  $J$  is the embedding of  $X$  in  $X^{**}$ ).

We summarize the above observations as

**Theorem 10.1** *Let  $X$  be a normed space. Then the weak dual of  $X$  is  $X^*$  and the weak\* dual of  $X^*$  is  $X$ .*

To prove that the duals in Theorem 10.1 cannot be larger than the ones stated one uses a basic elementary lemma from linear algebra:

**Lemma 10.2** *Let  $X$  be a vector space and let  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $f_1, \dots, f_n : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be linear functionals and let*

$$N = \{x \in X : f_1(x) = \dots = f_n(x) = 0\}.$$

*Then the following statements are equivalent.*

(i)  $f$  is a linear combination of  $f_1, \dots, f_n$ .

(ii)  $\exists \gamma < \infty \forall x \in X |f(x)| \leq \gamma \max(|f_1(x)|, \dots, |f_n(x)|)$ .

(iii)  $f(x) = 0$  for all  $x \in N$ .

## 11 Lower semi-continuity

**Definition 11.1** Let  $X$  be a topological space and  $\phi : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$ . Then  $\phi$  is lower semi-continuous if  $\phi^{-1}((-\infty, y])$  is closed in  $X$  for every  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Equivalent statements are that  $\phi^{-1}((y, +\infty])$  is open for every  $y \in \mathbb{R}$  and that  $\text{epi}(\phi) = \{(x, y) : x \in X, y \geq \phi(x)\}$  is closed.

**Exercise 51** Show that the sum of two lower semi-continuous functions is lower semi-continuous.

**Exercise 52** Show that the pointwise supremum of any collection of lower semi-continuous functions is lower semi-continuous.

**Exercise 53** Show that  $\phi : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$  is lower semi-continuous implies that  $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi(x_n) \geq \phi(x)$  if  $x_n \rightarrow x$ .

**Theorem 11.2** Let  $X$  be compact and  $\phi : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$  lower semi-continuous. Then  $\phi$  has a minimum on  $X$ .

## 12 Convex sets and functions

**Definition 12.1** Let  $X$  be a vector space, a subset  $K \subset X$  is convex if  $\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y \in K \forall x, y \in K \forall \lambda \in [0, 1]$ .

**Theorem 12.2** Let  $X$  be a normed space,  $A, B \subset X$  two convex sets,  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  and suppose that  $A$  is open. Then there exists  $f \in X^*$  such that  $\sup_A f \leq \inf_B f$ .

The proof is based on considering the convex open set  $C = A - B - y$ , where  $y$  is chosen such that  $0 \in C$ , and its Minkowski functional

$$\mu_C(x) = \inf\{t > 0 : \frac{x}{t} \in C\}.$$

Take  $x \notin C$  and apply Theorem 3.3 to the functional  $f : \lambda x \rightarrow \lambda \mu_C(x)$  with  $p = \mu_C$ . The argument is valid for any topological vector space.

**Theorem 12.3** Let  $X$  be a normed space,  $A, B \subset X$  two convex sets,  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  and suppose that  $A$  is closed and  $B$  is compact. Then there exists  $f \in X^*$  such that  $\sup_A f < \inf_B f$ .

The proof is based on applying the previous theorem to the sets  $A + N$  and  $B + N$  where  $N$  is a convex neighbourhood of 0 such that  $A + N$  and  $B + N$  have empty intersection. This choice of  $N$  is possible in locally convex spaces. If  $X$  is a normed space then  $N$  is a sufficiently small ball.

**Theorem 12.4** Let  $X$  be a normed space, and  $A \subset X$  a convex set. Then  $A$  is weakly closed if and only if  $A$  is norm closed.

Another important consequence is

**Theorem 12.5 (Goldstine)** Let  $X$  be a normed space and let  $B \subset X$  be the closed unit ball in  $X$ . Then the weak\*-closure of  $J(B)$  (where  $J$  is the embedding of  $X$  in  $X^{**}$ ) is the closed unit ball in  $X^{**}$ .

The proof derives a contradiction from applying Theorem 12.3 in  $X^{**}$  with the weak\* topology  $\sigma(X^{**}, X^*)$  to the weak\*-closure of  $J(B)$  and any singleton  $\{y\} \subset \{z \in X^{**} : \|z\| \leq 1\}$  outside this closure.

**Definition 12.6** Let  $X$  be a normed space and  $\phi : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$ . Then  $\phi$  is called convex if  $\phi(tx + (1 - t)y) \leq t\phi(x) + (1 - t)\phi(y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$  and for all  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ .

**Exercise 54** Show that  $\phi$  is convex if and only if  $\text{epi}(\phi) = \{(x, y) \in X \times \mathbb{R} : y \geq \phi(x)\}$  is convex.

**Exercise 55** Show that the sum of two convex functions is convex.

**Exercise 56** Show that the pointwise supremum of any collection of convex functions is convex.

**Exercise 57** Show that weak lower semi-continuity and lower semi-continuity are equivalent properties for convex functions.

**Theorem 12.7** Let  $X$  be reflexive,  $A \subset X$  convex, closed and bounded,  $\phi : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$  weakly lower semi-continuous (this includes the case that  $\phi$  is convex and lower semi-continuous) and  $\phi \not\equiv +\infty$  on  $A$ . Then  $\phi$  has a global minimum on  $A$ .

### 13 Uniformly convex spaces

**Definition 13.1** Let  $X$  be a normed space. Then  $X$  is called uniformly convex if for all  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that for all  $x, y \in B = \{x \in X : \|x\| \leq 1\}$ :

$$\|x - y\| > \epsilon \Rightarrow \left\| \frac{x + y}{2} \right\| < 1 - \delta.$$

**Exercise 58** Which of the  $p$ -norms on  $X = \mathbb{R}^N$  make  $X$  uniformly convex?

**Theorem 13.2** Every uniformly convex Banach space is reflexive.

The proof uses Theorem 12.5.

### 14 Hilbert spaces

**Definition 14.1** Let  $H$  be a (real) vector space. A function

$$(\cdot, \cdot) : H \times H \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

is called an inner product if, for all  $u, v, w \in H$  and for all  $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$ , (i)  $(u, u) \geq 0$ , and  $(u, u) = 0 \Leftrightarrow u = 0$ ; (ii)  $(u, v) = (v, u)$ ; (iii)  $(\lambda u + \mu v, w) = \lambda(u, w) + \mu(v, w)$ .

Any inner product satisfies

$$|(u, v)| \leq \sqrt{(u, u)(v, v)} \quad \forall u, v \in H, \quad (\text{Schwartz})$$

and also

$$\sqrt{(u + v, u + v)} \leq \sqrt{(u, u)} + \sqrt{(v, v)} \quad \forall u, v \in H.$$

Consequently,  $\|u\| = \sqrt{(u, u)}$  defines a norm on  $H$ , called the inner product norm. This norm satisfies identity

$$\left\| \frac{u + v}{2} \right\|^2 + \left\| \frac{u - v}{2} \right\|^2 = \frac{1}{2}(\|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2) \quad \forall u, v \in H.$$

**Definition 14.2** If  $H$  is a Banach space with respect to this inner product norm, then  $H$  is called a Hilbert space.

**Theorem 14.3** Every inner product space is uniformly convex. Hence every Hilbert space is reflexive and bounded sequences have weakly convergent subsequences.

**Theorem 14.4** For every closed convex subset  $K$  of a Hilbert space  $H$ , and for every  $f \in H$ , there exists a unique  $u \in K$  such that

$$\|f - u\| = \min_{v \in K} \|f - v\|,$$

or, equivalently,

$$(f - u, v - u) \leq 0 \quad \forall v \in K.$$

Moreover the map  $P_K : f \in H \rightarrow u \in K$  is contractive in the sense that

$$\|P_K f_1 - P_K f_2\| \leq \|f_1 - f_2\|.$$

**Theorem 14.5** (Riesz) For fixed  $f \in H$  define  $\varphi \in H^*$  by

$$\varphi(v) = (f, v) \quad \forall v \in H.$$

Then the map  $f \rightarrow \varphi$  defines an isometry between  $H$  and  $H^*$ , which allows one to identify  $H$  and  $H^*$ .

**Theorem 14.6** Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space, and  $M \subset H$  a closed subspace. Let

$$M^\perp = \{u \in H : (u, v) = 0 \forall v \in M\}.$$

Then  $H = M \oplus M^\perp$ , i.e. every  $w \in H$  can be uniquely written as

$$w = u + v, \quad u \in M, \quad v \in M^\perp.$$

**Definition 14.7** Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space. A bilinear form  $a : H \times H \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called bounded if, for some  $C > 0$ ,

$$|a(u, v)| \leq C \|u\| \|v\| \quad \forall u, v \in H,$$

coercive if, for some  $\alpha > 0$ ,

$$a(u, u) \geq \alpha \|u\|^2 \quad \forall u \in H,$$

and symmetric if

$$a(u, v) = a(v, u) \quad \forall u, v \in H.$$

A symmetric bounded coercive bilinear form on  $H$  defines an equivalent inner product on  $H$ .

**Theorem 14.8** (*Stampacchia*) Let  $K$  be a closed convex subset of a Hilbert space  $H$ , and  $a : H \times H \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  bounded coercive bilinear form. Let  $\varphi \in H^*$ . Then there exists a unique  $u \in K$  such that

$$a(u, v - u) \geq \varphi(v - u) \quad \forall v \in K.$$

Moreover, if  $a$  is also symmetric, then  $u$  is uniquely determined by

$$\frac{1}{2}a(u, u) - \varphi(u) = \min_{v \in K} \left\{ \frac{1}{2}a(v, v) - \varphi(v) \right\}.$$

Taking  $K = H$  there exists a unique  $u \in H$  such that

$$a(u, v) = \varphi(v) \quad \forall v \in H.$$

Moreover, if  $a$  is symmetric, then  $u$  is uniquely determined by

$$\frac{1}{2}a(u, u) - \varphi(u) = \min_{v \in H} \left\{ \frac{1}{2}a(v, v) - \varphi(v) \right\}.$$

**Definition 14.9** Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space and  $T : H \rightarrow H$  a bounded linear operator. Then  $T$  is called symmetric if

$$(Tx, y) = (x, Ty) \quad \forall x, y \in H.$$

$T$  is called compact if the closure of the image of the unit ball is compact.

**Exercise 59** Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space and  $T : H \rightarrow H$  a compact bounded linear operator. Show that  $T$  is sequentially compact, i.e. for every bounded sequence  $x_n$  in  $H$  there exists a convergent subsequence of  $Tx_n$ .

**Theorem 14.10** Every separable Hilbert space has a Hilbert basis, i.e. a countable, possibly finite set  $\{\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \varphi_3, \dots\}$  such that (i)  $(\varphi_i, \varphi_j) = \delta_{ij}$ ; (ii) every  $x \in H$  can be written uniquely as

$$x = x_1\varphi_1 + x_2\varphi_2 + x_3\varphi_3 + \dots,$$

where  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots \in \mathbb{R}$ . Moreover,

$$\|x\|^2 = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + \dots,$$

and  $x_i = (x, \varphi_i)$ .

**Theorem 14.11** Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space,  $T : H \rightarrow H$  a compact bounded symmetric linear operator and  $N(T) = \{u \in H : Tu = 0\}$ . Then  $H = N(T) \oplus N(T)^\perp$  and  $N(T)^\perp$  has a Hilbert basis  $\{\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots\}$  consisting of eigenvectors corresponding to eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \dots \in \mathbb{R}$  with

$$|\lambda_1| \geq |\lambda_2| \geq |\lambda_3| \geq \dots (\downarrow 0 \text{ if } \dim N(T)^\perp = \infty).$$

Moreover

$$|\lambda_1| = \sup_{0 \neq x \in H} \left| \frac{(Tx, x)}{(x, x)} \right| = |(T\varphi_1, \varphi_1)|;$$

$$|\lambda_2| = \sup_{\substack{0 \neq x \in H \\ (x, \varphi_1) = 0}} \left| \frac{(Tx, x)}{(x, x)} \right| = |(T\varphi_2, \varphi_2)|;$$

$$|\lambda_3| = \sup_{\substack{0 \neq x \in H \\ (x, \varphi) = (x, \varphi_2) = 0}} \left| \frac{(Tx, x)}{(x, x)} \right| = |(T\varphi_3, \varphi_3)|,$$

etcetera. If  $\psi \in H$  satisfies  $(\psi, \varphi_1) = (\psi, \varphi_2) = \dots = (\psi, \varphi_n) = 0$ , and  $(T\psi, \psi) = \lambda_{n+1}(\psi, \psi)$ , then  $\psi$  is an eigenvector for  $\lambda_{n+1}$ .

## 15 Sobolev spaces and applications to BVP's

Consider the one-dimensional version of

$$-\Delta u + u = f \text{ in } \Omega; \quad u = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega,$$

that is, for given  $f$  in say  $C([a, b])$ , we look for a function  $u$  satisfying

$$(P) \quad -u'' + u = f \text{ in } (a, b); \quad u(a) = u(b) = 0.$$

Of course we can treat  $(P)$  as a linear second order inhomogeneous equation, and construct a solution by means of ordinary differential equation techniques, but that is not the point here. We use  $(P)$  to introduce a method that also works in more space dimensions. Let  $\psi \in C^1([a, b])$  with  $\psi(a) = \psi(b) = 0$  and suppose that  $u$  is a classical solution of  $(P)$ . i.e.  $u \in C^2([a, b])$  and  $u$  satisfies the differential equation and the boundary conditions. Then

$$\int_a^b (-u'' + u)\psi = \int_a^b f\psi,$$

so that integrating by parts, and because  $\psi(a) = \psi(b) = 0$ ,

$$\int_a^b (u'\psi' + u\psi) = \int_a^b f\psi.$$

For a suitable function space  $X$  we want to define a weak solution of  $(P)$  as a function  $u \in X$  such that

$$\forall \psi \in X : \int_a^b (u'\psi' + u\psi) = \int_a^b f\psi. \quad (14.1)$$

**Definition 15.1** Let  $I = (a, b) \subset \mathbb{R}$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ . Let  $C_c^\infty(I)$  be the set of all smooth functions with compact support in  $I$ . Then  $W^{1,p}(I)$  consists of all

$u \in L^p(I)$  such that the distributional derivative of  $u$  can be represented by a function in  $v \in L^p(I)$ , i.e.

$$\int_I v\psi = - \int_I u\psi' \quad \forall \psi \in C_c^\infty(I).$$

We write  $u' = v$ . For  $p = 2$  we write  $H^1(I) = W^{1,2}(I)$ .

**Exercise 60** Show that

$$v \in L^1_{loc}(I) = \{v : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; v \in L^1(K) \text{ for every compact } K \subset I\}$$

and  $\int_I v\psi = 0$  for every  $\psi \in C_c^\infty(I)$  implies that  $v = 0$  a.e. in  $I$ .

**Exercise 61** Show that  $u'$  in Definition 15.1 is unique, i.e. there is no other function  $v \in L^p(I)$  with the same properties.

**Exercise 62** For  $I$  bounded show that  $C^1(\bar{I})$  is contained in  $W^{1,p}(I)$ , but not the other way around.

**Theorem 15.2**  $W^{1,p}(I)$  is a Banach space with respect to the norm

$$\|u\|_{1,p} = \|u\|_p + \|u'\|_p,$$

where  $\|\cdot\|_p$  denotes the  $L^p$ -norm.  $H^1(I)$  is a Hilbert space with respect to the inner product

$$(u, v)_1 = (u, v) + (u', v') = \int_I (uv + u'v').$$

The inner product norm is equivalent to the  $W^{1,2}$ -norm.  $W^{1,p}(I)$  is reflexive for  $1 < p < \infty$ .  $W^{1,p}(I)$  is separable for  $1 \leq p < \infty$ .

**Exercise 63** Prove Theorem 15.2.

**Exercise 64** Show that  $v \in L^1_{loc}(I)$  and  $\int_I v\psi' = 0$  for every  $\psi \in C_c^\infty(I)$  implies that  $v = C$  a.e. in  $I$  for some constant  $C$ .

**Exercise 65** Let  $g \in L^1_{loc}(I)$  and  $y \in I$ . Define the function  $v$  by  $v(x) = \int_{[y,x]} g$ . Use Fubini's theorem to show that  $\int_I v\psi' = - \int_I g\psi$  for every  $\psi \in C_c^\infty(I)$ .

**Theorem 15.3** Let  $u \in W^{1,p}(I)$  ( $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ ). Then, possibly after redefining  $u$  on a set of Lebesgue measure zero,

$$u(x) - u(y) = \int_y^x u'(s)ds,$$

for all  $x, y \in I$ .

**Exercise 66** Prove Theorem 15.3 using exercises 64 and 65.

**Exercise 67** Use Hölders inequality to show that

$$|u(x) - u(y)| \leq |x - y|^{\frac{p-1}{p}} \|u\|_{1,p} \quad \text{if } p > 1,$$

for  $u \in W^{1,p}(I)$ . ( $W^{1,p}(I) \subset C^{0,1-1/p}(\bar{I})$  for  $I$  bounded).

**Exercise 68** Show that the injection  $W^{1,p}(I) \hookrightarrow C(\bar{I})$  is compact if  $I$  is bounded and  $1 < p \leq \infty$ .

**Exercise 69** For  $I$  bounded show that the injection  $W^{1,1}(I) \hookrightarrow C(\bar{I})$  is bounded but not compact. Remark: the injection  $W^{1,1}(I) \hookrightarrow L^q(I)$  is compact for every  $1 \leq q < \infty$ , see [1].

**Theorem 15.4** Let  $u \in W^{1,p}(I)$ ,  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . Then there exists a sequence  $(u_n)_{n=1}^\infty \subset C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  with  $\|u_n - u\|_{W^{1,p}(I)} \rightarrow 0$ . In particular, when  $I = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  is dense in  $W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R})$ .

**Exercise 70** Let  $u, v \in W^{1,p}(I)$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ . Show that  $uv \in W^{1,p}(I)$  and  $(uv)' = uv' + u'v$ . Moreover, for all  $x, y \in I$

$$\int_x^y u'v = [uv]_x^y - \int_x^y uv'.$$

**Definition 15.5** Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . The space  $W_0^{1,p}(I)$  is defined as the closure of  $C_c^\infty(I)$  in  $W^{1,p}(I)$ .

**Exercise 71** Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and  $I$  bounded. Show that

$$W_0^{1,p}(I) = \{u \in W^{1,p}(I) : u = 0 \text{ on } \partial I\}.$$

**Theorem 15.6** Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . Then  $W_0^{1,p}(\mathbb{R}) = W^{1,p}(\mathbb{R})$ .

**Exercise 72** (Poincaré) Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , and  $I$  bounded. Show there exists a constant  $C > 0$ , depending on  $I$ , such that for all  $u \in W_0^{1,p}(I)$ :

$$\|u\|_{1,p} \leq C \|u'\|_p.$$

**Proposition 15.7** Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and  $I$  bounded. Then  $\|u\|_{1,p} = \|u'\|_p$  defines an equivalent norm on  $W_0^{1,p}(I)$ . Also

$$((u, v)) = \int_I u'v'$$

defines an equivalent inner product on  $H_0^1(I) = W_0^{1,2}(I)$ .

We now focus on the spaces  $H_0^1(I)$  and  $L^2(I)$  with  $I$  bounded. We have established the (compact) embedding  $i : H_0^1(I) \hookrightarrow L^2(I)$ . Thus every bounded linear functional on  $L^2(I)$  is automatically also a bounded linear functional on  $H_0^1(I)$ , if we consider  $H_0^1(I)$  as being contained in  $L^2(I)$ , but having a stronger

topology. On the other hand, not every bounded functional on  $H_0^1(I)$  can be extended to  $L^2$ , e.g. if  $\psi \in L^2 \setminus H^1$ , then  $\varphi(f) = \int_I \psi f'$  defines a bounded functional on  $H_0^1(I)$  which cannot be extended. This implies that if we want to consider  $H_0^1(I)$  as being contained in  $L^2(I)$ , we *cannot simultaneously apply* Riesz' Theorem to both spaces and identify them with their dual spaces. If we identify  $L^2(I)$  and  $L^2(I)^*$ , we obtain the triplet

$$H_0^1(I) \xrightarrow{i} L^2(I) = L^2(I)^* \xrightarrow{i^*} H_0^1(I)^*.$$

Here  $i$  is the natural embedding, and  $i^*$  its adjoint ( $i^*f = f \circ i$ ). One usually writes  $H_0^1(I)^* = H^{-1}(I)$ . The action of  $H^{-1}$  on  $H_0^1$  is made precise by

**Theorem 15.8** *Suppose  $F \in H^{-1}(I)$ . Then there exist  $f_0, f_1 \in L^2(I)$  such that*

$$F(v) = \int_I f_0 v - \int_I f_1 v' \quad \forall v \in H_0^1(I).$$

*If  $I$  is bounded then we may take  $f_0 = 0$ .*

Thus  $H^{-1}(I)$  consists of  $L^2$  functions and their first order distributional derivatives. Note however that this characterization depends on the (standard) identification of  $L^2$  and its Hilbert space dual. Also  $F$  does not determine  $f_0$  and  $f_1$  uniquely (e.g.  $f_0 \equiv 0, f_1 \equiv 1$  gives  $F(v) = 0 \quad \forall v \in H_0^1(I)$ ).

Still identifying  $L^2$  and  $L^{2^*}$  we have for  $1 < p < \infty$ , writing  $W_0^{1,p}(I)^* = W^{-1,p}(I)$ ,

$$W_0^{1,p}(I) \hookrightarrow L^2(I) \hookrightarrow W^{-1,p}(I),$$

and Theorem 15.8 remains true but now with  $f_0$  and  $f_1$  in  $L^q(I)$ , where  $1/p + 1/q = 1$ .

**Definition 15.9** A weak solution of  $(P)$  is a function  $u \in H_0^1(I)$  such that

$$\int_I (u'v' + uv) = \int_I f v \quad \forall v \in H_0^1(I).$$

Since  $C_c^\infty(I)$  is dense in  $H_0^1(I)$  it suffices to check this integral identity for all  $\psi \in C_c^\infty(I)$ . Thus a weak solution is in fact a function  $u \in H_0^1(I)$  which satisfies  $-u'' + u = f$  in the sense of distributions. Note that the boundary condition  $u = 0$  on  $\partial I$  follows from the fact that  $u \in H_0^1(I)$ .

**Theorem 15.10** *Let  $f \in L^2(I)$ . Then  $(P)$  has a unique weak solution and*

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_I (u'^2 + u^2) - \int_I f u = \min_{v \in H_0^1(I)} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \int_I (v'^2 + v^2) - \int_I f v \right\}.$$

**Exercise 73** Show that the solution  $u$  in Theorem 15.10 belongs to  $H^2(I) = \{u \in H^1(I) : u' \in H^1(I)\}$ . Show that  $u$  is a classical solution if  $f \in C(\bar{I})$ .

**Exercise 74** Let  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ . Use Stampachia's Theorem applied to  $K = \{u \in H^1(I) : u(0) = \alpha, u(1) = \beta\}$  with  $a(u, v) = ((u, v))$  and  $\varphi(v) = \int f v$  to generalize the method above to

$$(P') \quad -u'' + u = f \quad \text{in } (0, 1); \quad u(0) = \alpha; \quad u(1) = \beta.$$

**Exercise 75** Generalize the methods above to the Sturm-Liouville problem

$$(SL) \quad -(pu')' + qu = f \quad \text{in } (0, 1); \quad u(0) = u(1) = 0,$$

where  $p, q \in C([0, 1])$ ,  $p, q > 0$ , and  $f \in L^2(0, 1)$ .

**Exercise 76** Generalize the methods above to the Neumann problem

$$(N) \quad -u'' + u = f \quad \text{in } (0, 1); \quad u'(0) = u'(1) = 0.$$

Recall that  $(SL)$  was formulated weakly as

$$a(u, v) = \varphi(v) \quad \forall v \in H_0^1(0, 1),$$

where

$$a(u, v) = \int_0^1 pu'v' + quv \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi(v) = \int_0^1 fv.$$

For  $p, q \in C([0, 1])$ ,  $p, q > 0$ ,  $a(\cdot, \cdot)$  defines an equivalent inner product on  $H_0^1(0, 1)$ , and for  $f \in L^2(0, 1)$  (in fact  $f \in H^{-1}(0, 1)$  is sufficient),  $\varphi$  belongs to the dual of  $H_0^1(0, 1)$ .

**Exercise 77** Define  $T : L^2(0, 1) \rightarrow L^2(0, 1)$  by  $Tf = u$ , where  $u$  is the (weak) solution of  $(SL)$  corresponding to  $f$ . Show that  $T$  is linear, compact and symmetric.

**Theorem 15.11** Let  $p, q \in C([0, 1])$ ,  $p, q > 0$ . Then there exists a Hilbert basis  $\{\varphi_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  of  $L^2(I)$ , such that  $\varphi_n$  is a weak solution of

$$-(pu')' + qu = \lambda_n u \quad \text{in } (0, 1); \quad u(0) = u(1) = 0,$$

where  $(\lambda_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  is a nondecreasing unbounded sequence of positive numbers.

**Exercise 78** Show that  $\lambda_n > 0$ .

**Exercise 79** Show that  $T : H_0^1(0, 1) \rightarrow H_0^1(0, 1)$  is also symmetric with respect to the inner product  $a(\cdot, \cdot)$ . Derive that

$$\lambda_1 = \min_{0 \neq u \in H_0^1(0, 1)} \frac{\int_0^1 pu'^2 + qu^2}{\int_0^1 u^2}, \quad \lambda_2 = \min_{(u, \varphi_1)=0} \frac{\int_0^1 pu'^2 + qu^2}{\int_0^1 u^2},$$

etcetera.

**Exercise 80** Let  $I$  be a bounded interval and let  $F : L^2(I) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function. Suppose that  $u_n$  is a sequence in  $H_0^1(I)$  which converges weakly (in  $H_0^1(I)$ ) to a limit  $u \in H_0^1(I)$ . Show that  $F(u_n) \rightarrow F(u)$ . Conclude that  $F$  is weakly continuous on the closed balls in  $H_0^1(I)$ .

**Exercise 81** Consider for  $f \in L^2((0,1))$  the nonlinear problem

$$-u'' + u^3 = f \quad \text{in } (0,1); \quad u(0) = u(1) = 0.$$

Give a definition of a weak solution and relate the definition to the functional

$$F(u) = \int \left( \frac{1}{2} u'^2 + \frac{1}{4} u^4 - fu \right).$$

Show that  $F$  has a global minimum on  $H_0^1(I)$  and that the minimizer is a weak solution.

## 16 Annihilators

**Definition 16.1** Let  $X$  be a normed space and  $L \subset X$  a subspace. Then

$$L^\perp = \{f \in X^* : f(x) = 0 \quad \forall x \in L\}.$$

If  $N \subset X^*$  is a subspace, then

$${}^\perp N = \{x \in X : f(x) = 0 \quad \forall f \in N\}.$$

**Proposition 16.2** Let  $X$  be Banach and  $L \subset X$  a subspace. Then  ${}^\perp(L^\perp) = \bar{L}$ . For every subspace  $N \subset X^*$  we have  $({}^\perp N)^\perp \supset \bar{N}$ .

**Theorem 16.3** Let  $X$  be Banach. Then  $X$  is reflexive if and only if  $({}^\perp N)^\perp = \bar{N}$  for every subspace  $N \subset X^*$ .

**Proposition 16.4** Let  $X$  be Banach and  $L, M \subset X$  two closed subspaces. Then

$$L \cap M = {}^\perp(L^\perp + M^\perp) \quad \text{and} \quad L^\perp \cap M^\perp = (L + M)^\perp.$$

**Theorem 16.5** Let  $X$  be Banach and  $L, M \subset X$  two closed subspaces. Then

$$\begin{aligned} L + M \text{ is closed} &\Leftrightarrow L^\perp + M^\perp \text{ is closed} \Leftrightarrow \\ L + M = {}^\perp(L^\perp \cap M^\perp) &\Leftrightarrow L^\perp + M^\perp = (L \cap M)^\perp \end{aligned}$$

## 17 Unbounded operators

**Definition 17.1** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces. An unbounded linear operator is a pair  $(A, D(A))$  such that  $D(A)$  is a linear subspace of  $X$  and  $A : D(A) \rightarrow Y$  a linear map. Notation:  $A : D(A) \subset X \rightarrow Y$ .

$N(A) = \{x \in D(A) : Ax = 0\}$  is the kernel of  $A$ ,  $R(A) = \{Ax : x \in D(A)\}$  is the range of  $A$ ,  $G(A) = \{(x, Ax) : x \in D(A)\}$  is the graph of  $A$ .

$A$  is called closed if  $G(A)$  is closed in  $X \times Y$ .  $A$  is called densely defined if the closure of  $D(A)$  is  $X$ .

Unbounded operators may be bounded. It would have been more correct to speak of possibly unbounded operators. By the closed graph theorem a closed unbounded operator is bounded if  $D(A) = X$ .

**Exercise 82** Let  $X = Y = C([0, 1])$ ,  $D(A) = C^1([0, 1])$  and  $Au = u'$ . Show that  $A$  is a densely defined closed unbounded linear operator.

**Definition 17.2** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces and  $A : D(A) \subset X \rightarrow Y$  a densely defined unbounded linear operator. Let

$$D(A^*) = \{f \in Y^* : g : u \in D(A) \rightarrow f(Au) \in \mathbb{R} \text{ is bounded with respect to } \|\cdot\|_X\},$$

and let  $A^*f$  be the unique extension of  $g$  to  $X$ . Then  $A^* : D(A^*) \subset Y^* \rightarrow X^*$  is called the adjoint operator of  $A$ .

**Exercise 83** Let  $X = Y = L^2((0, 1))$ ,  $D(A) = H^1((0, 1))$  and  $Au = u'$ . Show that  $A$  is a densely defined closed unbounded linear operator. Determine  $A^*$  if  $X$  and  $X^*$  are identified using Riesz' theorem. Do the same if  $D(A) = H_0^1((0, 1))$  and if  $D(A) = \{u \in H^1((0, 1)) : u(0) = 0\}$ .

**Proposition 17.3** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces and  $A : D(A) \subset X \rightarrow Y$  a densely defined unbounded linear operator. Then  $A^* : D(A^*) \subset Y^* \rightarrow X^*$  is closed.

**Theorem 17.4** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces and  $A : D(A) \subset X \rightarrow Y$  a densely defined closed unbounded linear operator. Then the weak\*-closure of  $D(A^*)$  is  $Y$ . If  $Y$  is reflexive then the norm closure of  $D(A^*)$  is  $Y^*$  and  $A^* : D(A^*) \subset Y^* \rightarrow X^*$  is also a densely defined closed unbounded linear operator.

**Proposition 17.5** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces and  $A : D(A) \subset X \rightarrow Y$  a densely defined unbounded linear operator. Define  $J : Y^* \times X^* \rightarrow X^* \times Y^* = (X \times Y)^*$  by  $J(f, g) = (-g, f)$ . Then  $J(G(A^*)) = G(A)^\perp$ .

Applying Proposition 16.4 to  $L = X \times \{0\}$  and  $M = G(A)$  we obtain

**Proposition 17.6** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces and  $A : D(A) \subset X \rightarrow Y$  a densely defined closed unbounded linear operator. Then

$$N(A) = {}^\perp R(A^*) \text{ and } N(A^*) = R(A)^\perp.$$

**Corollary 17.7**  $N(A)^\perp \supset \overline{R(A^*)}$  (equality if  $X$  is reflexive) and  ${}^\perp N(A^*) = \overline{R(A)}$ .

From the considerably deeper Theorem 16.5 we have

**Theorem 17.8** Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces and  $A : D(A) \subset X \rightarrow Y$  a densely defined closed unbounded linear operator. Then

$$\begin{aligned} R(A) \text{ is closed} &\Leftrightarrow R(A^*) \text{ is closed} \Leftrightarrow \\ R(A) = {}^\perp N(A^*) &\Leftrightarrow R(A^*) = N(A)^\perp \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 17.9** *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces and  $A : D(A) \subset X \rightarrow Y$  a densely defined closed unbounded linear operator. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} R(A) = Y &\Leftrightarrow \exists C > 0 : \|f\| \leq C\|A^*f\| \quad \forall f \in D(A^*) \\ &\Leftrightarrow N(A^*) = \{0\} \text{ and } R(A^*) \text{ is closed} \end{aligned}$$

A similar statement holds for  $A^*$ . Finally we note that

**Theorem 17.10** *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces and  $A : D(A) \subset X \rightarrow Y$  a densely defined closed unbounded linear operator. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} D(A) = X &\Leftrightarrow A \text{ is bounded} \\ D(A^*) = Y^* &\Leftrightarrow A^* \text{ is bounded} \end{aligned}$$

## 18 Evolution problems in Banach spaces

Let  $X$  be a Banach space and let  $A : D(A) \subset X \rightarrow X$  be a (possibly) unbounded linear operator. For a given initial value  $u_0 \in X$  we consider the initial value problem

$$(IVP) \quad \frac{du}{dt} + Au = 0 \quad (t > 0), \quad u(0) = u_0.$$

**Theorem 18.1** *Suppose that  $A : X \rightarrow X$  is a bounded linear operator. Then (IVP) has a unique classical solution defined by*

$$u(t) = \exp(-tA)u_0, \quad \exp(tA) = I - tA + \frac{1}{2}t^2A^2 - \frac{1}{3!}t^3A^3 + \dots.$$

Here classical means that  $u := [0, \infty) \rightarrow X$  is continuously differentiable.

For the case that  $A$  is unbounded we define

**Definition 18.2** Let  $X$  be a Banach space and let  $A : D(A) \subset X \rightarrow X$  be a (possibly) unbounded linear operator. Then  $A$  is called  $m$ -accretive if the closure of  $D(A)$  is  $X$  and if, for every  $\lambda > 0$ , the linear map  $I + \lambda A : D(A) \rightarrow X$  is bijective with  $\|(I + \lambda A)^{-1}\| \leq 1$ .

**Theorem 18.3** *Let  $X$  be a Banach space, let  $A : D(A) \subset X \rightarrow X$  be  $m$ -accretive and let  $u_0 \in D(A)$ . Then (IVP) has a unique classical solution defined by*

$$u(t) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (I + \frac{t}{n}A)^{-n}u_0 = S(t)u_0.$$

The operators  $S(t)$  are bounded with respect to the norm in  $X$  and  $\|S(t)\| = 1$ . Moreover,  $S(t_1 + t_2) = S(t_1)S(t_2)$  for all  $t_1, t_2 \geq 0$ . The family  $\{S(t) : t \geq 0\}$  is called a contraction semi-group on  $X$ . For the inhomogeneous problem

$$\frac{du}{dt} + Au = f(t) \quad (0 < t \leq T), \quad u(0) = u_0.$$

with  $f : [0, T] \rightarrow X$  continuously differentiable and  $u_0 \in D(A)$  there is also a unique solution, given by the variation of constants formula

$$u(t) = S(t)u_0 + \int_0^t S(t-s)f(s)ds.$$

In the remainder of this section we consider the Hilbert space case.

**Definition 18.4** Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space and let  $A : D(A) \subset H \rightarrow H$  be a (possibly) unbounded linear operator. Then  $A$  is called monotone if  $(Au, u) \geq 0$  for all  $u \in D(A)$  and  $A$  is called maximal monotone if also  $R(I + A) = H$ .

**Proposition 18.5** If  $A : D(A) \subset H \rightarrow H$  is maximal monotone then  $A$  is closed, densely defined and  $M$ -accretive.

**Definition 18.6** If  $A$  is maximal monotone we define, for  $\lambda > 0$ ,

$$J_\lambda = (I + \lambda A)^{-1} \quad \text{and} \quad A_\lambda = \frac{1}{\lambda}(I - J_\lambda)$$

(the resolvent and the Yosida approximation of  $A$ ).

**Proposition 18.7** Let  $A : D(A) \subset H \rightarrow H$  be maximal monotone. Then

$$A_\lambda = A \circ J_\lambda, \quad A_\lambda = J_\lambda \circ A \text{ on } D(A), \quad \|A_\lambda u\| \leq \|Au\| \text{ on } D(A), \quad J_\lambda \rightarrow I \text{ pointwise,}$$

$$A_\lambda \rightarrow A \text{ pointwise on } D(A), \quad (A_\lambda u, u) \geq 0, \quad \|A_\lambda u\| \leq \frac{1}{\lambda}\|u\|$$

Existence of a solution to (IVP) in the Hilbert space case with  $A$  maximal monotone is based on first replacing  $A$  by  $A_\lambda$ .

**Exercise 84** Proof uniqueness of the solution to (IVP) in the Hilbert space case when  $A$  maximal monotone and  $u_0 \in D(A)$ .

**Exercise 85** Let  $X = C([0, 1])$ ,  $D(A) = \{u \in C^2([0, 1]) : u(0) = u(1) = 0\}$  and  $Au = -u''$ . Show that  $A$  generates a contraction semigroup on  $X$ . Change the spaces and show the existence of a similar semigroup in  $L^2(0, 1)$ .

## 19 Spectral analysis and functional calculus

In this section  $X$  is always a complex Banach space,  $X \neq \{0\}$ , and  $A : D(A) \subset X \rightarrow X$  a linear operator. Also  $\Omega$  is always an open subset of  $\mathbb{C}$ .

**Definition 19.1** The resolvent set  $\rho(A)$  is the set of all complex  $\lambda$  such that the range  $R(\lambda - A)$  of  $\lambda - A = \lambda I - A$  is dense in  $X$  and  $(\lambda - A)^{-1} : R(\lambda - A) \rightarrow D(A)$  exists and is bounded with respect to the norm in  $X$ . If  $A$  is closed  $\lambda \in \rho(A)$  implies that  $R(\lambda - A) = X$  and  $(\lambda - A)^{-1} \in B(X)$ . The operator  $R_\lambda = (\lambda - A)^{-1}$  is called the resolvent of  $A$ . The complement of  $\rho(A)$  in  $\mathbb{C}$  is called the spectrum of  $A$ , notation  $\sigma(A)$ .

**Definition 19.2** A function  $F : \Omega \rightarrow X$  is called analytic if

$$F'(\lambda_0) = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \lambda_0} \frac{F(\lambda) - F(\lambda_0)}{\lambda - \lambda_0}$$

exists for every  $\lambda_0 \in \Omega$ .

**Theorem 19.3** A function  $F : \Omega \rightarrow X$  is analytic if and only if  $\lambda \rightarrow f(F(\lambda))$  is analytic on  $\Omega$  for every  $f \in X^*$ .

A function  $F : \Omega \rightarrow X$  which is analytic has the same nice properties as an ordinary  $\mathbb{C}$ -valued analytic function: Coursat's theorem, Cauchy formula's for  $F$  and its derivatives, local powerseries representation, maximum modulus theorem, Liouville's theorem, etc.

**Theorem 19.4** Let  $A$  be closed. Then  $\rho(A)$  is open. Moreover

$$\lambda, \mu \in \rho(A) \Rightarrow R_\lambda - R_\mu = (\mu - \lambda)R_\lambda R_\mu,$$

whence  $R_\lambda$  and  $R_\mu$  commute. Finally

$$|\lambda - \mu| < \frac{1}{\|R_\mu\|} \Rightarrow R_\lambda = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\mu - \lambda)^n R_\mu^{n+1},$$

and  $\lambda \rightarrow R_\lambda$  is analytic on  $\rho(A)$ .

**Theorem 19.5** Let  $A$  be bounded. Then

$$|\lambda| > \|A\| \Rightarrow \lambda \in \rho(A), \quad R_\lambda = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda^{-n} A^{n-1} \quad \text{and} \quad \|R_\lambda\| \leq \frac{1}{|\lambda| - \|A\|}.$$

The spectrum  $\sigma(A)$  is nonempty (by Liouville's theorem) and compact. Moreover, for every polynomial  $p$ ,

$$\sigma(p(A)) = p(\sigma(A)),$$

and the powerseries representation of  $R_\lambda$  is valid for all  $|\lambda| > r(A)$ , where

$$r(A) = \sup\{|\lambda| : \lambda \in \sigma(A)\} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|T^n\|^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

is the spectral radius of  $A$ .

**Theorem 19.6** If  $A$  is a compact bounded operator then  $\sigma(T)$  is a countable set (including  $\lambda = 0$ ) having no accumulation points except possibly  $\lambda = 0$ . Every nonzero  $\lambda \in \sigma(A)$  is an eigenvalue with a finite dimensional space of generalized eigenvectors.

**Theorem 19.7** *Let  $A$  be bounded,  $\sigma(A) \subset \Omega$ ,  $F : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  analytic and  $C$  a contour in  $\Omega \setminus \sigma(A)$  winding once (counterclockwise) around  $\sigma(A)$  (and containing no holes of  $\Omega$ ). Define*

$$F(A) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C F(\lambda) R_\lambda d\lambda = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C F(\lambda) (\lambda - A)^{-1} d\lambda.$$

*Then  $F(A)$  is a bounded linear operator on  $X$  and  $\sigma(F(A)) = F(\sigma(A))$ . The definition is independent of the particular choice of  $C$  (and thus only depends on the values of  $F$  in a neighbourhood of  $\sigma(A)$ ). If  $f(\lambda) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \lambda^n$  has radius of convergence larger than  $r(A)$ , then  $f(A) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n A^n$ . Any bounded linear operator on  $X$  which commutes with  $A$  also commutes with  $f(A)$ . Moreover, if  $G : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is another analytic function, then*

$$F(A) + G(A) = (F + G)(A) \quad \text{and} \quad F(A)G(A) = (FG)(A).$$

*If  $FG \equiv 1$  on  $\Omega$  then  $G(A) = F(A)^{-1}$ . Finally, the choice  $F(\lambda) = \lambda^n$  ( $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ) gives*

$$A^n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \lambda^n R_\lambda d\lambda = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \lambda^n (\lambda - A)^{-1} d\lambda.$$

This theorem can be generalized to closed operators  $A$  with a nonempty resolvent set,  $\Omega$  a neighbourhood of  $\sigma(A) \cup \{\infty\}$  and  $F : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  analytic with  $F(\infty) = 0$ . Of course  $f(\lambda) = \lambda^n$  has then to be excluded. If  $A$  is unbounded we define the extended spectrum by  $\sigma_e(A) = \sigma(A) \cup \{\infty\}$ , otherwise  $\sigma_e(A) = \sigma(A)$ . With this convention one has again that  $f(\sigma_e(A)) = \sigma(f(A))$ .

Suppose  $A$  is bounded and  $\sigma(A)$  is disconnected. Then there exist disjoint open sets  $\Omega_1, \Omega_2$  such that  $\sigma(A) \subset \Omega_1 \cup \Omega_2$  but not  $\sigma(A) \subset \Omega_1$  or  $\sigma(A) \subset \Omega_2$ . Thus we may take contours  $C_1$  in  $\Omega_1$  around  $\sigma(A) \cap \Omega_1$  and  $C_2$  in  $\Omega_2$  around  $\sigma(A) \cap \Omega_2$  and write

$$F(A) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C_1} f_1(\lambda) R_\lambda d\lambda + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{C_2} f_2(\lambda) R_\lambda d\lambda,$$

for  $F$  defined by

$$F(\lambda) = F_i(\lambda) \quad \text{if} \quad \lambda \in \Omega_i,$$

where  $F_i : \Omega_i \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is analytic ( $i = 1, 2$ ). If we choose  $F_i = 1$  we obtain a splitting  $I = E_1 + E_2$  of the identity with  $E_1 E_2 = 0$  and  $E_i^2 = E_i$  and  $X = R(E_1) \oplus R(E_2)$ . The projections  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are called spectral projections. If we choose  $F_i(\lambda) = \lambda$  we obtain  $A = A_1 E_1 + A_2 E_2$  where  $A_i : R(E_i) \rightarrow R(E_i)$  is the restriction of  $A$  to  $R(E_i)$ .

It may happen that  $\sigma(A) \cap \Omega_1$  is a singleton  $\mu$ . In that case  $\mu$  is either a pole or an isolated essential singularity of  $\lambda \rightarrow R_\lambda$ . If it is a pole then  $\mu$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ .

## 20 Banach algebra's

**Definition 20.1** A complex Banach space  $A$  is called a Banach algebra if there exists a multiplication  $(x, y) \in A \times A \rightarrow xy \in A$  such that, for all  $x, y, z \in A$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ ,

$$(xy)z = x(yz), \quad x(y+z) = xy + xz, \quad (y+z)x = yx + zx,$$

$$\lambda(xy) = (\lambda x)y = x(\lambda y), \quad \|xy\| \leq \|x\|\|y\|.$$

$A$  is called commutative if also  $xy = yx$  for all  $x, y \in A$ . If  $A$  contains an element  $e$  with  $\|e\| = 1$  and  $ex = xe = x$  for all  $x \in A$  then  $e$  is called a unit. If  $A$  has a unit and if there exists a map  $x \in A \rightarrow x^* \in A$  such that, for all  $x, y \in A$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ ,

$$(x^*)^* = x, \quad (x+y)^* = x^* + y^*, \quad (\lambda x)^* = \bar{\lambda}x^*, \quad (xy)^* = y^*x^*$$

(such a map is called an involution) and such that  $\|x^*x\| = \|x\|^2$  for all  $x \in A$ , then  $A$  is called a  $C^*$ -algebra.

The simplest example is of course the field of complex numbers  $\mathbb{C}$  itself.

**Exercise 86** Let  $X$  be a complex Banach space. Show that  $B(X)$  is a Banach algebra with unit.

**Exercise 87** Let  $X$  be a compact Hausdorff space. Show that  $C(X) = \{f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, f \text{ is continuous}\}$  is a commutative  $C^*$ -algebra with unit.

Spectral theory in Banach algebra's with unit is much the same as spectral theory in the algebra of bounded linear operators on a Banach space  $X$ . This is outlined below.

**Definition 20.2** Let  $A$  be a complex Banach algebra with unit  $e$ . Then  $a \in A$  is called invertible if there exists  $a^{-1} \in A$  such that  $aa^{-1} = a^{-1}a = e$ . For  $x \in A$  the resolvent set  $\rho(x)$  is the set of complex  $\lambda$  such that  $\lambda e - x$  is invertible. The spectrum  $\sigma(x)$  is the complement of  $\rho(x)$  in  $\mathbb{C}$ .

**Exercise 88** Let  $A$  be a complex Banach algebra. For each  $a \in A$  define  $L_a \in B(A)$  by  $L_a(x) = ax$  for all  $x \in A$ . Show that  $a \rightarrow L_a$  is an isometric algebra isomorphism of  $A$  onto a closed subalgebra of  $B(A)$ .

**Exercise 89** Let  $A$  be a complex Banach algebra with unit  $e$ . Show that  $\sigma(x) = \sigma(L_x)$  is nonempty and compact. Show that  $r(x) = \sup\{|\lambda| : \lambda \in \sigma(x)\} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x^n\|^{\frac{1}{n}}$ .

In the next section we look at closed subalgebra's with nicer properties than the algebra  $A$  itself. In doing this we don't want the spectrum of an element to depend too much on the choice of the subalgebra. For this we need:

**Proposition 20.3** *Let  $A$  be a complex Banach algebra with unit  $e$ . Then the group  $G$  of invertible elements is open and every boundary point  $x$  of  $G$  is a topological zero-divisor, i.e. there exists a sequence  $z_n$  with  $\|z_n\| = 1$  and  $z_n x \rightarrow 0$  and  $x z_n \rightarrow 0$ .*

**Corollary 20.4** *Let  $A$  be a complex Banach algebra with unit  $e$  and let  $B$  be a closed subalgebra which also contains  $e$ . For  $x \in B$  denote the spectrum of  $x$  in  $B$  by  $\sigma_B(x)$  and the spectrum of  $x$  in  $A$  by  $\sigma_A(x)$ . Then*

$$\sigma_A(x) \subset \sigma_B(x) \quad \text{but} \quad \delta\sigma_B(x) \subset \delta\sigma_A(x).$$

*In particular, when  $\rho_A(x)$  is connected, then  $\sigma_A(x) = \sigma_B(x)$ .*

**Exercise 90** Let  $A$  be a complex Banach algebra with unit  $e$ . Define for  $\lambda \in \rho(x)$  the resolvent  $R_\lambda(x) = (\lambda e - x)^{-1}$ . Show for  $\lambda, \mu \in \rho(x)$  that  $(\mu - \lambda)R_\lambda(x)R_\mu(x) = R_\lambda(x) - R_\mu(x)$ . Show that  $\lambda \rightarrow R_\lambda(x) \in A$  is analytic on  $\rho(x)$  and that its derivative is  $-R_\lambda(x)^2$ .

At this point we are in the same situation as in Theorem 19.7, which may be formulated in the abstract context with the formula

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C F(\lambda)(\lambda e - x)^{-1} d\lambda,$$

where  $C$  is now a contour around  $\sigma(x)$  in  $\Omega$ .

In the remainder of this section we establish that every commutative  $C^*$ -algebra with unit is essentially a space of continuous functions on a compact Hausdorff space denoted by  $\mathcal{M}$ . The following exercise indicates a consequence of this result which will be relevant for the subalgebra's in the next section. It shows that we do not have to restrict ourselves to analytic functions  $F$ .

**Exercise 91** Let  $X$  be a compact Hausdorff space and let  $A = C(X)$ . For  $g \in C(X)$  characterize  $\sigma(g)$ . For which functions  $F$  can we define a function  $F(g)$  in  $C(X)$  such that the same algebraic properties hold for the map  $F \rightarrow F(g)$  as in Theorem 19.7 for the map  $F \rightarrow F(T)$ ?

The next theorem is essential in what follows. It is based on the observation that the spectrum of an element in a complex Banach algebra with unit is never empty, which in turn was a consequence of Liouville's theorem for ( $A$ -valued) analytic functions.

**Theorem 20.5 (Gelfand-Mazur)** *Let  $A$  be a complex Banach algebra with unit such that every nonzero element is invertible. Then  $A$  is isometrically isomorphic to  $\mathbb{C}$ .*

The compact Hausdorff space  $\mathcal{M}$  announced above will be a weak\* closed subset of the unit sphere in the dual  $A^*$ . The elements of this subset are the nonzero functionals in the following definition.

**Definition 20.6** Let  $A$  be a complex Banach algebra with unit  $e$ . A linear functional  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is called multiplicative if  $f(x)f(y) = f(xy)$  for all  $x, y \in A$ .

**Proposition 20.7** Let  $A$  be a complex Banach algebra with unit  $e$  and  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  a multiplicative linear functional which is not identical to 0. Then  $f(e) = 1$ ,  $f$  is bounded and  $\|f\| = 1$ . The kernel of  $f$  is an ideal in  $A$ , i.e. a linear subspace  $I$  with  $xy, yx \in I$  whenever  $x \in A$  and  $y \in I$ . Moreover,  $I$  is a maximal ideal meaning that  $I$  is not  $\{0\}$  or  $A$  and that there is no larger ideal containing  $I$  except  $A$  itself.

**Exercise 92** Let  $A$  be a complex Banach algebra with unit  $e$  and  $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  a multiplicative linear functional which is not identical to 0. Show that  $f(x) \in \sigma(x)$  for all  $x \in A$ . Hint:  $f(x)e - x \in N(f)$  cannot be invertible.

**Definition 20.8** Let  $A$  be a complex Banach algebra with unit  $e$ . Then  $\mathcal{M}$ , the set of all nonzero multiplicative linear functionals on  $A$ , is called the carrier space of  $A$ . We endow  $\mathcal{M}$  with the relative topology of the weak\* topology  $\sigma(A^*, A)$  on  $A^*$ . If  $J : A \rightarrow A^{**}$  is the usual embedding of  $A$  in its second dual, then  $\hat{x}$  is defined as the restriction of  $J(x)$  to  $\mathcal{M}$ . By definition  $\hat{x}$  is continuous on  $\mathcal{M}$ . The mapping  $x \rightarrow \hat{x}$  is called the Gelfand transform. It is defined if  $\mathcal{M}$  is nonempty.

Thus the Gelfand transform takes  $x \in A$  to  $\hat{x} \in C(X)$ . For  $C(X)$  to be a Banach space (and in fact a  $C^*$ -algebra) we need:

**Theorem 20.9** Let  $A$  be a complex Banach algebra with unit  $e$ . Then  $\mathcal{M}$  is weak\*-compact in  $A^*$ . If  $\mathcal{M}$  is nonempty then the Gelfand transform  $x \rightarrow \hat{x}$  is an algebra homomorphism of  $A$  onto a subalgebra of  $C(\mathcal{M})$ . Moreover,  $\|\hat{x}\|_\infty \leq r(x) \leq \|x\|$  for all  $x \in A$ , so the Gelfand transform is also bounded.

This theorem does half of the work but it is only of use if  $\mathcal{M}$  is sufficiently large. This requires that  $A$  contains many ideals, which is not always true. For example: by a theorem of Naimark the only nontrivial closed ideal in  $B(H)$ , when  $H$  is a separable Hilbert space, is  $K(H)$ , the set of all compact operators, whence  $\mathcal{M} = \emptyset$  if  $A = B(H)$ . For commutative Banach algebra's the situation is much better, the basic tool being:

**Lemma 20.10** Let  $A$  be a commutative complex Banach algebra with unit  $e$ . If  $x \in A$  is not invertible, then the set  $Ax = \{wx : w \in A\}$  is a proper ideal in  $A$  and  $x \in Ax$ .

As a consequence of this lemma applied to the quotient algebra  $A$  with respect to any maximal ideal and Theorem 20.5 we have

**Theorem 20.11** Every maximal ideal in a commutative complex Banach algebra with unit is the kernel of a nonzero multiplicative linear functional on  $A$ .

In view of the lemma and a typical Zorn argument there are many maximal ideals in the commutative case:

**Theorem 20.12** *Let  $A$  be a commutative complex Banach algebra with unit  $e$ . Then  $\sigma(x) = \{f(x) : f \in \mathcal{M}\}$  and  $\|\hat{x}\|_\infty = r(x)$  for all  $x \in A$ .*

The following three theorems establish a criterion for the equivalence of  $\|x\|$  and  $\|\hat{x}\|$  and a criterion for commutativity.

**Theorem 20.13** *Let  $A$  be a complex Banach algebra with unit. There exists a constant  $c > 0$  such that  $c\|x\|^2 \leq \|x^2\|$  for all  $x \in A$  if and only if there exists a constant  $d > 0$  such that  $d\|x\| \leq r(x)$  for all  $x \in A$ . For  $c = 1$  the statement can be reformulated as:  $\|x\|^2 = \|x^2\|$  for all  $x \in A$  if and only if  $r(x) = \|x\|$  for all  $x \in A$ .*

**Theorem 20.14** *Let  $A$  be a complex Banach algebra with unit. Define*

$$\exp(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}.$$

*Suppose that for some  $x, y \in A$  there exists a constant  $M > 0$  such that  $\|\exp(\lambda y)x \exp(-\lambda y)\| \leq M$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then  $xy = yx$ .*

**Theorem 20.15** *Let  $A$  be a complex Banach algebra with unit. Suppose there exists a constant  $c > 0$  such that  $c\|x\|^2 \leq \|x^2\|$  for all  $x \in A$ . Then  $A$  is commutative.*

For commutative algebra's we may still have that information is lost in the Gelfand transform. Therefore we introduce:

**Definition 20.16** *Let  $A$  be a commutative complex Banach algebra with unit  $e$ . Then  $A$  is called semi-simple if  $r(x) = 0$  implies that  $x = 0$  for all  $x \in A$ . This is equivalent to saying that  $\mathcal{M}$  separates the points of  $A$ .*

**Theorem 20.17** *If  $A$  is a semi-simple commutative complex Banach algebra with unit  $e$ , then the Gelfand transform is an algebra isomorphism of  $A$  onto a subalgebra  $\hat{A}$  of  $C(\mathcal{M})$  which contains the constant functions and separates the points of  $\mathcal{M}$ . Moreover,  $\hat{x} = r(x)$  for all  $x \in A$ .*

The subalgebra  $\hat{A}$  does not have to be closed in  $C(\mathcal{M})$  but if one of the statements in Theorem 20.13 holds, the norms  $\|x\|$  and  $\|\hat{x}\|$  are equivalent whence  $\hat{A}$  must be closed. For  $C^*$ -algebra's this is guaranteed by:

**Proposition 20.18** *In a  $C^*$ -algebra the implication  $xx^* = x^*x \Rightarrow r(x) = \|x\|$  holds for all  $x \in A$ .*

Thus, if  $A$  is a commutative  $C^*$ -algebra with unit, it follows that  $A$  and  $\hat{A}$  are isometrically isomorphic through the Gelfand transform, which also preserves the involution. Hence  $\hat{A}$  is a closed subalgebra of  $C(\mathcal{M})$  which contains the constant functions, separates points and is closed under involution. By the Stone-Weierstrass theorem this implies that  $\hat{A} = C(\mathcal{M})$ . In other words, as  $C^*$ -algebra's,  $A$  and  $C(\mathcal{M})$  may be identified. Summing up, we have:

**Theorem 20.19** *Let  $A$  be a commutative  $C^*$ -algebra with unit. Then the Gelfand transform is an isometric  $C^*$ -algebra isomorphism of  $A$  onto  $C(\mathcal{M})$ .*

## 21 Application to normal operators

In this section we consider the application of Theorem 20.19 to the (commutative)  $C^*$ -subalgebra  $A_x$  generated by a normal element  $a \neq e$  (normal meaning  $aa^* = a^*a$ ) in a noncommutative  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$  with unit. As an example we have in mind that  $A = B(H)$  where  $H$  is a complex Hilbert space and  $A_T$  is the commutative  $C^*$ -subalgebra generated by a normal operator  $T \in B(H)$ , i.e.  $T^*T = TT^*$ .

**Proposition 21.1** *Let  $A$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$  with unit. If  $x^* = x$  (i.e.  $x$  is selfadjoint), then  $\sigma(x) \subset \mathbb{R}$ . If  $B$  is a closed  $C^*$ -subalgebra with  $e \in B$ , then  $y \in B$  is invertible in  $B$  if and only if it is invertible in  $A$ . Consequently  $\sigma_A(y) = \sigma_B(y)$*

**Theorem 21.2** *Let  $A$  be a noncommutative  $C^*$ -algebra with unit  $e$  and let  $a \in A$ ,  $a \neq e$ , be normal, i.e.  $a^*a = aa^*$ . If  $A_a$  is the smallest closed subalgebra containing  $e$ ,  $a$  and  $a^*$ , then  $A_a$  is commutative and thus isometrically  $C^*$ -algebra isomorphic to  $C(\mathcal{M}_a)$  where  $\mathcal{M}_a$  is the carrier space of  $A_a$ . Moreover, the Gelfand transform  $\hat{a}$  of  $a$  is a homeomorphism of  $\mathcal{M}_a$  on  $\sigma(a)$ . Thus  $A_a$  is isometrically  $C^*$ -algebra isomorphic to  $C(\sigma(a))$  through*

$$x \in A_a \rightarrow \hat{x} \in C(\mathcal{M}_a) \rightarrow \tilde{x} = \hat{x} \circ \hat{a}^{-1} \in C(\sigma(a)).$$

For every  $F \in C(\sigma(a))$  we can now define  $F(a) \in A_a$  as the inverse image of  $F$  under the mapping  $x \in A_a \rightarrow \tilde{x} \in C(\sigma(a))$ .

## 22 Exercises

**Exercise 93** Let  $X = C([0, 1])$  (endowed with the maximum norm) and  $K : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  continuous. Prove that  $T : X \rightarrow X$  defined by

$$(T(f))(x) = \int_0^1 K(x, y)f(y)dy,$$

belongs to  $\mathcal{B}(X, X)$ . Give an estimate for  $\|T\|$ . Same question when  $X$  is endowed with the norm  $\|f\|_1 = \int_0^1 |f(x)|dx$ .

**Exercise 94** Let  $X = C([0, 1])$  (endowed with the maximum norm) and  $K : \{(x, y) : 0 \leq y \leq x \leq 1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  continuous. Prove that  $T : X \rightarrow X$  defined by

$$(T(f))(x) = \int_0^x K(x, y)f(y)dy,$$

belongs to  $\mathcal{B}(X, X)$ . Show that  $\|T^n\| \leq \frac{C^n}{n!}$ . Show that  $I - K$  is bijective and  $(I - K)^{-1} \in \mathcal{B}(X, X)$ .

**Exercise 95** Let  $X = C([0, 1])$  be endowed with the maximum norm. Show that the following maps belong to  $X^*$  and compute their norms (i)  $\phi(f) = f(a)$  with  $a \in [0, 1]$  fixed; (ii)  $\phi(f) = \int f g$  with  $g : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  Lebesgue measurable and integrable; (iii)  $\phi(f) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \xi_n f(a_n)$  with  $\xi = (\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots) \in l^1$  and  $a_1, a_2, \dots \in [0, 1]$ .

**Exercise 96** Let  $X$  be a normed space and  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a linear map which is not identically equal to zero. Show that

$$f \in X^* \iff N(f) = \{x \in X : f(x) = 0\} \text{ is closed}$$

Show that the closure of  $N(f)$  is  $X$  if  $f \notin X^*$ .

**Exercise 97** Let  $(c_{00}) = \{x = (x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots) : \exists N \forall n \geq N x_n = 0\}$  be endowed with the  $\|\cdot\|_{\infty}$  norm. Show that  $(c_{00})$  is a normed vector space which is not Banach. Give a Hamelbasis of  $(c_{00})$ .

**Exercise 98** Let  $T : (c_{00}) \rightarrow (c_{00})$  be defined by  $T(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots) = (x_1, \frac{x_2}{2}, \frac{x_3}{3}, \dots)$ . Show that  $T$  is a bounded linear bijective operator (with respect to  $\|\cdot\|_{\infty}$ ) but that  $T^{-1}$  is unbounded.

**Exercise 99** Let  $X$  be one of the sequence spaces  $l^p$  ( $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ ),  $(c_0)$  or  $(c)$ . Consider the shift operator  $S$  defined by  $S(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots) = (x_2, x_3, x_4, \dots)$ . Show that  $S \in \mathcal{B}(X, X)$ , determine  $\|S\|$  and discuss the existence of the limits  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S^n(x)$  in  $X$  (for fixed  $x \in X$ ) and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S^n$  in  $\mathcal{B}(X, X)$ .

## 23 Exercises about compact operators

In what follows  $X$  is a real or complex Banach space,  $B(X)$  is the Banach algebra of bounded linear operators from  $X$  to  $X$ ,  $K(X)$  is the subalgebra of compact operators,  $T \in K(X)$ ,  $\lambda \neq 0$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Exercise 100** Show that  $K(X)$  is closed in  $B(X)$ .

**Exercise 101** Show that  $K(X)$  is a two-sided ideal in  $B(X)$ .

**Exercise 102** Show that the null spaces  $N((T - \lambda)^n)$  have finite dimension.

**Exercise 103** Let  $M$  be a closed subspace of  $X$  such that  $M \cap N(T - \lambda) = \{0\}$ . Then  $T - \lambda : M \rightarrow R(T - \lambda)$  has a bounded inverse and  $R(T - \lambda)$  is closed.

**Exercise 104** Use the previous exercise and show that the ranges  $R((T - \lambda)^n)$  are all closed.

**Exercise 105** Show that  $\lambda \in \sigma(T)$  if and only if  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue.

**Exercise 106** Show that  $\lambda \in \rho(T)$  if and only if  $R(T - \lambda) = X$ .

**Exercise 107** Show that  $R(T - \lambda) = X$  if and only if  $N(T - \lambda) = \{0\}$ . With  $\lambda = 1$  this is called the Fredholm alternative which says that either the inhomogeneous equation  $x - Tx = y$  is uniquely solvable for every  $y \in X$  or there exists a nontrivial solution to the homogeneous equation  $x - Tx = 0$ .

The ascent  $\alpha(T - \lambda)$  is by definition the smallest  $n$  such that  $N((T - \lambda)^n) = N((T - \lambda)^{n+1})$ . The descent  $\delta(T - \lambda)$  is by definition the smallest  $n$  such that  $R((T - \lambda)^n) = R((T - \lambda)^{n+1})$ .

**Exercise 108** Show that  $\alpha(T - \lambda) = \delta(T - \lambda) < \infty$  and that, writing  $p = \alpha(T - \lambda)$ ,  $X = N((T - \lambda)^p) \oplus R((T - \lambda)^p)$ .

## 24 Exercises about algebra's

**Exercise 109** Let  $X$  be a compact Hausdorff space and  $A = C(X)$ . Show that every nonzero multiplicative linear functional  $\phi$  is of the form  $\phi(f) = f(x)$  for all  $f \in A$  with  $x \in X$  uniquely determined by  $\phi$ .

**Exercise 110** Let  $W$  be the algebra of absolutely convergent Fourier series  $f = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a_n e_n$  where  $e_n(x) = \exp(inx)$ . Show that  $W$  is a commutative Banach algebra with unit if we endow  $W$  with the obvious algebra structure and with the norm  $\|f\| = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |a_n|$ . By definition  $W$  is isometrically isomorphic to  $L^1(\mathbf{Z})$ . What is the multiplication in the latter algebra?

**Exercise 111** Show that every nonzero multiplicative linear functional  $\phi$  on  $W$  is of the form  $\phi(f) = f(x)$  for all  $f \in W$  with  $x \in [0, 2\pi)$  uniquely determined by  $\phi$ .

**Exercise 112** Show that if  $f \in W$  has no real zero's then  $1/f$  is also in  $W$ .

**Exercise 113** Relate the Fourier transform on  $L^1(\mathbf{Z})$  to the Gelfand transform.

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