



# Functional Analysis Exercises

## 1 Normed vector Spaces

1.1 – Let  $E$  be a normed space. Show that

$$|\|u\| - \|v\|| \leq \|u - v\|, \quad \forall u, v \in E.$$

Conclude that the norm is a continuous function.

1.2 – Let  $E$  be a normed space and let  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence in  $E$ . Prove that if  $x_n \rightarrow x$  in  $E$ , then  $\|x_n\| \rightarrow \|x\|$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

1.3 – A series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$  in a normed vector space  $E$  is said to be **absolutely convergent** if  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|x_n\|$  is convergent.

a) If  $E$  is a Banach space, prove if a series is absolutely convergent series then it is convergent.

b) Suppose  $E$  is a Banach space. If there exists  $(M_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset [0, +\infty)$  such that

$$\|x_n\| \leq M_n, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} M_n < +\infty,$$

then the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$  is absolutely convergent in  $E$ . This is known as **Weierstrass M-test**.

1.4 – Let  $E$  a normed vector space. If  $F \subset E$  is closed and  $K \subset E$  is compact. If  $F \cap K = \emptyset$  prove that there exist  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $\text{dist}(F, K) := \inf\{\|x - y\|; x \in F \text{ and } y \in K\} > \varepsilon$ .

1.5 – If  $M$  is a subspace of a normed space  $E$ , prove that  $\overline{M}$  is also a subspace.

1.6 – Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space. Consider a map  $f : X \rightarrow X$  and suppose that there exists  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$d(f(x), f(y)) \leq \lambda d(x, y)$$

for all  $x, y \in X$ . Consider  $x_0 \in X$  and, for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , define  $x_n = f^n(x_0)$ , where

$$f^n = \underbrace{f \circ \dots \circ f}_{n \text{ times}} \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}).$$

a) Show that  $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $X$ ;

b) Show that  $\alpha := \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} x_n$  is the unique fix point of  $f$ .



## 2 Bounded Linear operators and Hahn-Banach Theorem

**2.1** – Let  $E$  be a vector spaces and  $\varphi : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a linear mapping. Suppose there exists  $C > 0$  such that  $\varphi(x) \leq C$  for all  $x \in E$ . Prove that  $\varphi = 0$

**2.2** – Let  $\varphi : E \rightarrow F$  be a linear operator. If there exists  $C > 0$  such that

$$\|\varphi(z)\| \leq C, \forall z \in E \text{ with } \|z\| < 1,$$

prove that  $\|\varphi(x)\| \leq C, \forall x \in E$  such that  $\|x\| = 1$ . Conclude that  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}(E, F)$  and that  $\sup_{\substack{x \in E \\ \|x\| < 1}} |\varphi(x)| = \|\varphi\|$ .

**2.3** – Let  $E, F$  be vector spaces and  $T : E \rightarrow F$  a bijective linear mapping. Prove that  $T^{-1}$  is linear.

**2.4** – Let  $(E_1, \|\cdot\|_1)$  and  $(E_2, \|\cdot\|_2)$  be two normed vector space. Prove that the mapping

$$(x, y) \in E_1 \times E_2 \mapsto \|(x, y)\| = \|x\|_1 + \|y\|_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

is a norm on  $E_1 \times E_2$ . And prove that  $E_1 \times E_2$  is complete iff  $E_1$  and  $E_2$  are completes.

**2.5** – Let  $(E, \|\cdot\|)$  be a normed vector space.

a) Prove that the mappings

$$(x, y) \in E \times E \mapsto x + y \in E$$

and

$$(\lambda, x) \in \mathbb{R} \times E \mapsto \lambda x \in E$$

are continuous.

b) Fixed  $x_0 \in E$  and  $\lambda_0 \in \mathbb{R}, \lambda_0 \neq 0$ . Prove that the mapping

$$x \in E \mapsto \lambda_0 x + x_0 \in E$$

is an homeomorphism.

**2.6** – Let  $T : E \rightarrow F$  be an linear operator. Prove that  $T \in \mathcal{L}(E, F)$  if, and only if,  $T$  maps bounded sets to bounded sets.

**2.7** – Consider the space  $c_0$  with its usual norm. For every element  $u = (u_1, u_2, \dots) \in c_0$  define

$$f(u) = \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} u_n.$$

Prove that  $f$  is continuous and find its norm.



**2.8** – Let  $E$  be an infinite dimensional normed vector space. Recall that every vector space has a basis (Hamel basis). Construct a linear functional  $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  that is not continuous.

**2.9** – For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , define

$$e_n = (0, \dots, 0, \underbrace{1}_{n^{\text{th}} \text{ term}}, 0, \dots).$$

Prove that  $(e_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is not a Cauchy sequence in  $\ell^p$ , where  $p \in [1, +\infty)$  or  $p = \infty$ . In particular, conclude that those spaces are infinite dimensional.

**2.10** – Let  $E$  be a normed vector space and suppose  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in E$  are linearly independent, where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Prove that there exist  $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n \in E'$  such that  $\varphi_j(x_k) = \delta_{jk}$  for all  $j, k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ .

**2.11** – Let  $E$  be a normed vector space. Prove that if  $\varphi(u) = 0$ , for all  $\varphi \in E'$ , then  $u = 0$ .

**2.12** – Let  $E$  be a Banach space and  $\hat{\cdot} : E \rightarrow E''$  the canonical injection. Prove that if  $X \subset E$  is closed, then  $\hat{X} \subset E''$  is closed. In particular,  $E$  is a closed subspace of  $E''$ , where we are identifying  $E$  with a subspace of  $E''$  using the canonical injection.

**2.13** – If  $M$  is a subspace of a normed vector space  $E$ , we set

$$M^\perp = \{\varphi \in E'; \langle \varphi, x \rangle = 0, \forall x \in M.\}.$$

If  $M$  is a proper closed subspace of  $E$ , show that  $M^\perp \neq \{0\}$ .

**2.14** – Let  $M$  be a proper closed subspace of a normed vector space  $E$ . Let  $u_0 \in E$  such that  $\text{dist}(u_0, M) = \inf_{v \in M} \|u_0 - v\| = d > 0$ . Prove that there exists  $\varphi \in E'$  such that  $\varphi(u_0) = d$ ,  $\varphi|_M = 0$  and  $\|\varphi\|_{E'} = 1$ .

**2.15** – Let  $E$  be a normed space and let  $M$  be a closed subspace of  $E$ . We say  $x \in E$  and  $y \in E$  are **equivalents modulo**  $M$  if  $x - y \in M$ . In this case, we write

$$x = y(\text{mod } M).$$

- Show that this is an equivalence relation. Let us denote by  $[x]$  the equivalence class of each element  $x \in E$ ;
- Consider the **quotient space of  $E$  modulo  $M$** , defined by

$$E/M = \{[x]; x \in E\}.$$



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Show that the mappings

$$([x], [y]) \in E/M \times E/M \mapsto [x + y] \in E/M$$

and

$$(\lambda, [x]) \in \mathbb{K} \times E/M \mapsto [\lambda x] \in E/M$$

are well defined. Prove that  $E/M$  is a vector space with these operations.

c) Let  $F$  be a vector space and consider a linear mapping  $T : E \rightarrow F$ . Show that there exists a linear bijection between

$$E/\ker T \text{ and } R(T).$$



### 3 Uniform Boundedness Principle, Open Mapping and Closed Graph theorem.

3.1 – Define a sequence of functionals  $T_n : c_{00} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$T_n 0 = 0, \text{ and } T_n x = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i.$$

- a) Prove that  $T_n \in X'$ .
- b) Prove that for any  $x \in X$ ,  $(T_n x)$  is bounded, but  $(T_n)$  is not uniformly Bounded.
- c) Why it doesn't contradict Banach-Steinhaus Theorem?

3.2 – Let  $E$  be a Banach space,  $F$  a normed vector space and  $(T_n) \subset \mathcal{L}(E, F)$  such that  $\sup_n \|T_n\| = +\infty$ . Show that there exists an  $x_0 \in E$  such that  $\sup_n \|T_n x_0\| = +\infty$ .

3.3 – Let  $E, F$  be Banach spaces and  $T : E \rightarrow F$  be an operator (not necessarily linear). Suppose there exist an operator  $T^* : F' \rightarrow E'$ , called **adjoint operator**, defined by  $T^* \varphi = \varphi \circ T$ . Prove that

- a)  $T \in \mathcal{L}(E, F)$ .
- b)  $\|T^*\| = \|T\|$ .

(See a hint at the end.)

3.4 – Let  $E$  be a Banach space and  $F$  and  $G$  normed vector spaces. Suppose  $u : E \times F \rightarrow G$  is a separately continuous bilinear mapping, that is, for every  $x \in E$  and  $y \in F$ , the linear mappings

$$u_x : w \in F \mapsto u(x, w) \in G \text{ and } u_y : z \in E \mapsto u(z, y) \in G$$

are continuous. Prove that  $u$  is continuous, that is, there exists a constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$\|u(x, y)\| \leq C \|x\| \|y\|, \quad \forall x \in E, \forall y \in F.$$

3.5 – Show that completeness of  $E$  is essential in the Banach-Steinhaus Theorem and cannot be omitted. Consider  $x = (x_k) \in c_{00}$  and define  $T_n x = nx_n$ .

3.6 – Let  $E$  be a Banach space,  $F$  a normed space and  $T_n \in \mathcal{L}(E, F)$  such that  $(T_n x)$  is Cauchy in  $F$  for every  $x \in E$ . Show that  $(\|T_n\|)$  is bounded.

\* 3.7 – Let  $x = (x_n)$  be a real sequence such that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n y_n$  converges for every  $y = (y_n) \in c_0$ . Show that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |x_n|$  converges.

(See a hint at the end.)



**3.8** — Let  $E$  be a normed vector space and  $M$  a closed subspace of  $E$ . For each  $X \in E/M$ , set

$$\|X\| = \inf\{\|x\|; x \in X\}.$$

- Show that  $[x] = x + M$  and that  $\|[x]\| = \text{dist}(x, M)$  for each  $x \in E$ ;
- Show that the mapping defined in the statement of the exercise is a norm on  $E/M$ ;
- Show that the canonical injection

$$\pi : x \in E \longmapsto [x] \in E/M$$

is continuous and an open mapping. (See a hint at the end.)

(d) If  $E$  is a complete space, show that  $E/M$  is also complete.

**3.9** — Show that every linear functional in  $E'$  is an open mapping.

**3.10** — Let  $E, F$  be Banach spaces. If  $T \in \mathcal{L}(E, F)$  is surjective, show that there exists  $C > 0$  such that for every  $y \in F$  the equation  $Tx = y$  has a solution  $x_y \in E$  such  $\|x_y\| \leq C\|y\|$ .

**3.11** — Let  $E$  be a Banach space and let  $T : E \rightarrow E'$  be a linear operator satisfying

$$\langle Tx, y \rangle = \langle Ty, x \rangle, \quad \forall x, y \in E.$$

Use Closed Graph Theorem to prove that  $T$  is bounded.

**3.12** — Let  $E$  be a Banach space and  $T : E \rightarrow E'$  be a linear operator satisfying

$$\langle Tx, x \rangle \geq 0, \quad \forall x \in E.$$

Prove that  $T$  is a bounded operator. (See a hint at the end.)

\*\* **3.13** — The aim of this exercise is prove the following proposition.

**Proposition.** *Every closed vector subspace of continuously differentiable functions in  $C^0([-1, 1])$  is finite dimensional.*

*Part I*

- Let  $E$  be a closed subspace of  $C^0([-1, 1])$ , with the induced norm, that all its elements are continuously differentiable functions. Prove that  $E$  is a closed subspace in  $C^1([-1, 1])$  with the norm  $\|\cdot\|_{C^1}$ .



b) Prove  $(E, \|\cdot\|_{C^1})$  is a Banach space.

c) Let us set  $E_1 = (E, \|\cdot\|_{C^1})$  and  $E_\infty = (E, \|\cdot\|_\infty)$ . Prove that  $I_d : E_1 \rightarrow E_\infty$  is a homeomorphism.

### Part II

In this part we will apply the *Ascoli-Arzelà Theorem*, namely

**Theorem** (Ascoli-Arzelà). *Let  $K$  be a compact metric space. A bounded subset  $\mathcal{F}$  of  $C^0(K; \mathbb{R}^n)$  is relatively compact if, and only if,  $\mathcal{F}$  is equicontinuous, that is,*

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0 \text{ such that } d(x_1, x_2) < \delta \Rightarrow |f(x_1) - f(x_2)| \leq \varepsilon, \forall f \in \mathcal{F}.$$

a) Prove that  $I_d(\overline{B_1})$  satisfies the hypotheses of Ascoli-Arzelà's theorem.

b) Conclude that  $\overline{B_1}$  is compact and therefore  $\dim E_1 < \infty$ .



## 4 Weak Topologies

**4.1** — Let  $E$  be a reflexive space and  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset E$  a sequence such that  $(f(x_n))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is convergent for all  $f \in E'$ . Show that there exists  $x \in E$  such that  $x_n \rightharpoonup x$  in  $\sigma(E, E')$ .

**4.2** — Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(E, F)$ . Show that if  $x_n \rightharpoonup x$  in  $E$ , then  $Tx_n \rightharpoonup Tx$  in  $F$ .

**4.3** — Let  $E, F$  be Banach spaces. If  $T : E \rightarrow F$  is a linear operator that maps strongly convergent sequences to zero into weakly convergent sequences to zero, prove that  $T$  is continuous.

**4.4** — Let  $E$  be a Banach space and let  $A \subset E$  be a compact subset in the weak topology  $\sigma(E, E')$ . Prove that  $A$  is bounded.

**4.5** — Let  $E$  be a reflexive Banach space and  $K \subset E$  be a convex, closed and bounded set. Prove that  $K$  is compact in  $\sigma(E, E')$ .

**4.6** — Let  $E$  be a Banach space and let  $K \subset E$  be a compact set in the strong topology. If  $(x_n)$  is a sequence in  $K$  such that  $x_n \rightharpoonup x$  in  $\sigma(E, E')$ , prove that  $x_n \rightarrow x$  strongly.

(See a hint at the end.)



## 5 Hilbert Spaces

**5.1** – Let  $E$  be a vector space endowed with a scalar product. If  $u, v \in E$  and  $u \perp v$ , then  $\|u + v\|^2 = \|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2$ .

**5.2** – Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space and  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset H$ . Prove that if  $x_n \rightarrow x$  and  $\|x_n\| \rightarrow \|x\|$ .

**5.3** – Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space and let  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be an orthonormal sequence in  $H$ . Prove the **Bessel's inequality**

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |(x_n, y)|^2 \leq \|y\|^2, \quad \forall y \in H.$$

**5.4** – Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space and  $(x_n)$  be a sequence in  $H$ . Prove that

$$x_n \rightarrow x \text{ in } \sigma(H, H') \Leftrightarrow (x_n, y) \rightarrow (x, y), \quad \forall y \in H.$$

**5.5** – Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space and  $(x_n) \subset H$  an orthonormal sequence. Prove that  $x_n \rightarrow 0$  in  $\sigma(H, H')$ .

**5.6** – Let  $(e_n)$  be an orthonormal Hilbertian basis.

a) Given any sequence  $(\alpha_n) \in \ell^2$ . Prove that the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \alpha_k e_k$  converges to some element  $u \in H$  such that  $(u, e_k) = \alpha_k$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\|u\|^2 = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \alpha_k^2$ .

b) Prove that every separable Hilbert space is isomorphic to  $\ell^2$ .



## 6 Compact operators, Spectral Theorem

**6.1** — Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous function. If  $A \subset X$ , then  $f(\overline{A}) \subset \overline{f(A)}$ .

**6.2** — Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be normed vector spaces and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a linear isometry. If  $f(K) \subset Y$  is compact, then  $K$  is compact.

**6.3** — Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces and let  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  be a linear, surjective isometry. If  $Y$  is reflexive, then  $X$  is reflexive.

(See a hint at the end.)

**6.4** — Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space. Prove that if  $T \in \mathcal{K}(H)$ , then there exists a sequence  $(T_n) \in \mathcal{K}(H)$  with finite rank such that  $T_n \rightarrow T$ .

(See a hint at the end.)

**6.5** — Given  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots) \in \ell^2$  define the operators

$$S_r x = (0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, \dots) \text{ and } S_\ell x = (x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{n+1}, \dots),$$

respectively called the *right shift* and *left shift*.

a) Determine  $\|S_r\|$  and  $\|S_\ell\|$ . Does they belong to  $\mathcal{K}(\ell^2)$ ?

b) Prove that  $\text{EV}(S_r) = \emptyset$ .

c) Prove that  $\sigma(S_r) = [-1, 1]$ .

d) Prove that  $\text{EV}(S_\ell) = (-1, 1)$ . Determine the corresponding eigenspace.

e) Prove that  $\sigma(S_\ell) = [-1, 1]$ .

**6.6** — Let  $K : [0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous mapping and  $E = (C^0([0, 1]), \|\cdot\|_\infty)$ . Define  $J : E \rightarrow E$  by

$$Jf(x) = \int_0^1 K(x, \xi) f(\xi) d\xi.$$

Show that  $J \in \mathcal{K}(E)$ . Does  $J$  have an inverse?

**6.7** — Let  $T : \ell^2 \rightarrow \ell^2$  be a mapping defined by  $Tx = \left(\frac{x_1}{2}, \frac{x_2}{2^2}, \dots, \frac{x_n}{2^n}, \dots\right)$ , where  $x = (x_n) \in \ell^2$ .

a) Show that there exists a sequence  $(T_n)$  of finite-rank bounded linear operators such that  $T_n \rightarrow T$ .

b) Prove that  $\sigma(T) = \{0\} \cup \left\{\frac{1}{2^n}; n \in \mathbb{N}\right\}$ .



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## 7 Answers and Hints

3.3 – Use Exercises 2.11 and 2.6.

3.7 – Define  $T_n y = \sum_{k=1}^n x_k y_k$  and use Banach-Steinhaus Theorem.

3.8 – Verify that  $\pi(B_E) = B_{E/M}$ .

3.12 – Use Closed Graph Theorem: Given  $(x_n) \subset E$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x$  in  $E$  and  $Tx_n \rightarrow \varphi$  in  $E'$ . Passing to the limit in the inequality  $\langle Tx_n - Ty, x_n - y \rangle \geq 0$  leads to

$$\langle \varphi - Ty, x - y \rangle \geq 0, \forall y \in E.$$

Choosing  $y = x + tz$  with  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $z \in E$ , one sees that  $\varphi = Tx$ .

4.6 – Argue by contradiction.

6.3 – Prove that  $T^{**}$  is also a surjective isometry.

6.4 – Use projection.