

Assignments are to be submitted to Gradescope by 24:00.

In what follows, you may use without proof the following theorem (you proved the case $p = 1$ in the previous assignment).

Theorem. Let $a < b$, $1 \leq p < \infty$ and $f \in L^p([a, b])$. For all $\epsilon > 0$ there exist a step function $\psi \in L^p([a, b])$ and $g \in C([a, b])$ with $g(a) = g(b) = 0$ such that

$$\|f - \psi\|_p + \|f - g\|_p < \epsilon.$$

1. Let $1 \leq p < \infty$.

(a) Prove that for all $1 \leq q \leq p$, $L^p([a, b]) \subset L^q([a, b])$.

(b) Prove that $L^p([a, b])$ is separable.

Hint: See the second lecture of the week for an outline of the proof.

(c) Let $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R})$, and let $\epsilon > 0$. Prove that there exists $g \in C(\mathbb{R})$ with the property that there exists $R > 0$ such that for all $|x| > R$, $g(x) = 0$, and

$$\|f - g\|_p < \epsilon.$$

Hint: Prove that $\|f\chi_{[-n, n]} - f\|_p \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ and use the theorem above.

(d) Prove that $L^p(\mathbb{R})$ is separable.

2. (a) Let $E \subset \mathbb{R}$ be measurable. Prove that $L^\infty(E)$ is a Banach space.

(b) Let $a < b$. Prove that if $f \in C([a, b])$ then $\|f\|_{L^\infty([a, b])} = \|f\|_\infty$, i.e.

$$\inf \{C \geq 0 \mid m(\{x \in [a, b] \mid |f(x)| > C\}) = 0\} = \sup_{x \in [a, b]} |f(x)|.$$

Conclude that $C([a, b])$ is not dense in $L^\infty([a, b])$.

3. Let $a < b$, $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ and $g \in L^\infty([a, b])$. Define

$$Tf(x) := f(x)g(x), \quad f \in L^p([a, b]).$$

Prove that $T \in \mathcal{B}(L^p([a, b]), L^p([a, b]))$ and $\|T\| = \|g\|_{L^\infty}$.

4. (a) Let H be a pre-Hilbert space. Prove the polarization identity: for all $u, v \in H$

$$\langle u, v \rangle = \frac{1}{4} \left[\|u + v\|^2 - \|u - v\|^2 + i\|u + iv\|^2 - i\|u - iv\|^2 \right]. \quad (\dagger)$$

(b) Suppose that H is a normed space with norm $\|\cdot\|$ satisfying the parallelogram law. Prove that there exists a Hermitian inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ on H such that for all $u \in H$, $\|u\| = \langle u, u \rangle^{1/2}$.

Hint: Define $\langle u, v \rangle$ via the right-hand side of (\dagger) and prove that $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ is a Hermitian inner product.

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