

Functional Analysis: Problem Sheet 2 Solutions

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1. Let V and W be normed vector spaces.

(a) Linearity is easy to check. Let $v, w \in V$. Then $\|(v, w)\| = \|v\| + \|w\|$. Hence

$$\|+(v, w)\| = \|v + w\| \leq \|v\| + \|w\| = \|(v, w)\|.$$

Hence the map $+$ is bounded.

(b) Linearity is again clear.

Fix $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}$. Let $v \in V$. Then

$$\|M_\lambda(v)\| = \|\lambda v\| = |\lambda| \|v\|.$$

Hence M_λ is bounded. The proof is similar for M_v .

(c) Let $T: V \rightarrow W$ be a bounded linear map. Then there is a constant $M \geq 0$ such that $\|Tv\| \leq M\|v\|$ for all $v \in V$.

Let $B \subseteq V$ be bounded. Then there is a constant $C \geq 0$ such that $\|v\| \leq C$ for all $v \in B$. Hence, let $w \in T[B]$. Write $w = T(v)$ where $v \in B$. Then $\|v\| \leq C$, so

$$\|w\| = \|Tv\| \leq M\|v\| \leq MC.$$

We conclude that $T[B]$ is bounded.

Conversely, suppose $T[B]$ is bounded for any bounded subset $B \subseteq V$. Let $B = \{v \in V \mid \|v\| \leq 1\}$. Then $T[B]$ is bounded. Hence

$$\sup\{\|Tv\| \mid v \in B\} = \sup\{\|Tv\| \mid \|v\| \leq 1\} < \infty$$

which means that T is a bounded linear map.

2. Define linear maps $S, T: C[0, 1] \rightarrow C[0, 1]$ by the formulae

$$S(f)(s) = \int_0^s f(t) dt \quad T(g)(s) = sg(s).$$

(a) Observe $|f(t)| \leq \|f\|$ for all $t \in [0, 1]$. Hence

$$\|S(f)\| = \sup\left\{\left|\int_0^s f(t) dt\right| \mid s \in [0, 1]\right\} \leq \int_0^1 |f(t)| dt \leq \|f\|.$$

So S is a bounded linear map, with $\|S\| \leq 1$. Let $f(t) = 1$ for all $t \in [0, 1]$. Then $\|f\| = 1$, and

$$S(f)(s) = \int_0^s 1 \, dt = s$$

and

$$\|S(f)\| = \sup\{s \mid s \in [0, 1]\} = 1 = \|f\|.$$

So $\|S\| = 1$.

Now

$$\|T(f)\| = \sup\{|sf(s)| \mid s \in [0, 1]\} \leq \sup \sup\{|f(s)| \mid s \in [0, 1]\} = \|f\|.$$

If $f(t) = 1$ for all $t \in [0, 1]$ then $T(f)(s) = s$, so as above $\|Tf\| = \|f\|$. We conclude that T is a bounded linear map, and $\|T\| = 1$.

(b) Observe

$$ST(f) = S(T(f)) = \int_0^s tf(t) \, dt \quad TS(f) = T(S(f)) = s \int_0^s f(t) \, dt.$$

These are not equal, so S and T do not commute.

Let $f \in C[0, 1]$. Then

$$\|S(T(f))\| = \sup \left\{ \left| \int_0^s tf(t) \, dt \right| \mid s \in [0, 1] \right\} \leq \int_0^1 t|f(t)| \, dt \leq \|f\| \int_0^1 t \, dt = \frac{1}{2}\|f\|$$

so $\|ST\| \leq \frac{1}{2}$.

Let us try our earlier example, $f(t) = 1$ for all $t \in [0, 1]$. Then

$$ST(f)(s) = \int_0^s t \, dt = \frac{1}{2}s^2 \quad TS(f)(s) = s^2.$$

so

$$\|ST(f)\| = \frac{1}{2} \quad \|f\| = \frac{1}{2}.$$

We conclude $\|ST\| = \frac{1}{2}$.

On the other hand

$$\|T(S(f))\| = \sup \left\{ \left| s \int_0^s f(t) \, dt \right| \mid s \in [0, 1] \right\} \leq \int_0^1 |f(t)| \, dt = \|f\|.$$

Try again $f(t) = 1$ for all $t \in [0, 1]$. Then

$$TS(f)(s) = s \int_0^1 1 \, dt = s^2$$

so $\|TS(f)\| = 1 = \|f\|$ and $\|TS\| = 1$.

3. Let P be the set of all polynomial functions.

(a) Certainly

$$\begin{aligned}\|\alpha(a_0 + a_1x + \cdots + a_nx^n)\| &= \max(|\alpha a_1|, \dots, |\alpha a_n|) \\ &= |\alpha| \cdot \|a_0 + a_1x + \cdots + a_nx^n\|\end{aligned}$$

Let $a_0 + a_1x + \cdots + a_mx^m, b_0 + b_1x + \cdots + b_nx^n \in P$. By choosing some of the coefficients a_i or b_j to be zero, let us assume that $m = n$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\|(a_0 + a_1x + \cdots + a_nx^n) + (b_0 + b_1x + \cdots + b_nx^n)\| &= \max(|a_1 + b_1|, \dots, |a_n + b_n|) \\ &\leq \max(|a_1| + |b_1|, \dots, |a_n| + |b_n|) \\ &\leq \max(|a_1|, \dots, |a_n|) + \max(|b_1|, \dots, |b_n|) \\ &\leq \|a_0 + a_1x + \cdots + a_nx^n\| + \|b_0 + b_1x + \cdots + b_nx^n\|\end{aligned}$$

Finally, let $\|a_0 + a_1x + \cdots + a_nx^n\| = 0$. Then $\max(|a_1|, \dots, |a_n|) = 0$, meaning $a_i = 0$ for all i , and so $a_0 + a_1x + \cdots + a_nx^n = 0$.

We see that the formula defines a norm.

(b) Let $A: P \rightarrow P$ and $B: P \rightarrow P$ be linear maps defined by the formulae

$$A(a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \cdots + a_nx^n) = a_0 + a_1x + 2a_2x^2 + \cdots + na_nx^n$$

and

$$B(a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \cdots + a_nx^n) = a_0 + a_1x + \frac{1}{2}a_2x^2 + \cdots + \frac{1}{n}a_nx^n$$

respectively.

Certainly

$$\begin{aligned}AB((a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \cdots + a_nx^n)) &= A(a_0 + a_1x + \frac{1}{2}a_2x^2 + \cdots + \frac{1}{n}a_nx^n) \\ &= a_0 + a_1x + \frac{1}{2}a_2x^2 + \cdots + \frac{1}{n}a_nx^n\end{aligned}$$

so AB is the identity map on P . Similarly, BA is the identity, so B is invertible, with inverse A .

(c) Observe

$$\begin{aligned}\|B(a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \cdots + a_nx^n)\| &= \max(|a_0|, |a_1|, \frac{|a_2|}{2}, \dots, \frac{|a_n|}{n}) \\ &\leq \max(|a_0|, \dots, |a_n|) \\ &= \|a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \cdots + a_nx^n\|\end{aligned}$$

Hence B is a bounded map. Observe that $\|x^n\| = 1$ and $\|A(x^n)\| = \|nx^n\| = n$.

Hence the supremum

$$\sup_{f \in P} \frac{\|Af\|}{\|f\|} \geq \frac{\|Ax^n\|}{\|x^n\|} = n$$

for all n , meaning the above supremum is not finite, and so A is not bounded.

- (d) The open mapping theorem tells us that if P is a Banach space, and $B: P \rightarrow P$ is a bounded linear map, then $A = B^{-1}$ is also a bounded linear map.

But by the above, B is a bounded linear map, and A is not. Therefore P is not a Banach space, that is to say P is not complete.

4. Let V and W be normed vector spaces, and let $T: V \rightarrow W$ be a linear map.

- (a) Suppose $\|Tv\| \geq m\|v\|$ for all $v \in V$. Let $U \subseteq V$ be an open set. Let $w \in T[U]$. Write $w = T(v)$, where $v \in U$. Then, since U is open, there exists $r > 0$ such that $B(v, r) \subseteq U$.

Let $r' = r/m$. Suppose $\|w' - w\| < r'$. Set $w' = T(v')$. Then $\|T(v' - v)\| < r'$. It follows that $m\|v - v'\| < r'$, and so $\|v - v'\| < r$. We conclude that $v' \in B(v, r)$, and so $T(v') \in T[U]$. Hence T is an open mapping.

Conversely, let T be open. Then $T[B(0, 1)]$ is open. Certainly $0 \in T[B(0, 1)]$, so there exists $m > 0$ such that if $\|w\| < m$, then $w \in T[B(0, 1)]$. Set $w = T(v)$. Then $\|v\| < 1$.

In other words, if $\|Tv\| < m$, then $\|v\| < 1$. Now, let $u \in V$. Define $u' = \frac{mu}{2\|Tu\|}$. Then $\|Tu'\| = \frac{m}{2} < m$, so $\|u'\| < 1$. In other words

$$\|Tu\| \geq \frac{m}{2}\|u\|$$

and we are done.

- (b) Let T be open. Then $T[B(0, 1)]$ is open, and $0 \in T[B(0, 1)]$. So there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $B(0, \delta) \subseteq T[B(0, 1)]$.

Conversely, suppose there exists $\delta > 0$ such that $B_W(0, \delta) \subseteq T[B_V(0, 1)]$. Let $v \in V$, and let $v' = \frac{\delta v}{2\|Tv\|}$. Then $Tv' \in B_W(0, \delta)$, so $v' \in B_V(0, 1)$. Hence $\|v'\| < 1$, and

$$\|Tv\| \geq \frac{\delta}{2}\|v\|.$$

By the previous part of the question, T is open.

- (c) The map B in the previous question is such an example.