

# Functional Analysis: Exercises

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1. Let  $V$  be a normed vector space.
  - (a) What is meant by the statement that  $V$  is a Banach space ?
  - (b) Let  $l^1$  be the vector space of all sequences  $(a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots)$  of real numbers such that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n| < \infty$ . Show that  $l^1$  has a norm defined by the formula

$$\|(a_n)\| = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|.$$

- (c) Show that the space  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a Banach space.
  - (d) Show that  $l^1$  is a Banach space.
2.
  - (a) Let  $V$  and  $W$  be normed vector spaces. Say what is meant when we describe a linear map  $T: V \rightarrow W$  as a *bounded linear map*.
  - (b) State the open mapping theorem.
  - (c) Give an example of a bounded linear map between normed vector spaces which is not open.
  - (d) State the closed graph theorem.
  - (e) Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space. Let  $f, g: H \rightarrow H$  be linear maps where

$$\langle f(v), w \rangle = \langle v, g(w) \rangle$$

for all  $v, w \in H$ . Prove that  $f$  and  $g$  are bounded linear maps.

3. Let  $V$  be a real normed vector space. We say a function  $f: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a *Lipschitz function* if there is a constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq C\|x - y\|$$

for all  $x, y \in V$ .

Let  $\Lambda(V)$  be the set of all Lipschitz functions  $f: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(0) = 0$ .

- (a) Prove that  $\Lambda(V)$  is a normed vector space, where for  $f \in \Lambda(V)$ , the norm  $\|f\|$  is the smallest constant  $C$  for which  $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq C\|x - y\|$  for all  $x, y \in V$ .

- (b) Show that the dual space,  $V^*$ , is a subspace of  $\Lambda(V)$ .
- (c) Give an example of an element of a vector space  $V$ , and an element  $f \in \Lambda(V)$  that does not belong to the dual space  $V^*$ . Justify your answer.
- (d) Let  $f \in \Lambda(V)$ ,  $x \in V$ . Show that

$$|f(x)| \leq \|f\| \cdot \|x\|.$$

- (e) Show that the space  $\Lambda(V)$  is complete.

4. Let  $V$  be an inner product space.

- (a) Prove that  $V$  has a norm defined by the formula  $\|v\| = \sqrt{\langle v, v \rangle}$ . You may use the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality without proof.
- (b) Prove that the norm satisfies the *parallelogram law*:  $\|u + v\|^2 + \|u - v\|^2 = 2(\|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2)$  for all  $u, v \in V$ .
- (c) Let  $V$  be a real normed vector space, where the norm satisfies the parallelogram law. Prove that  $V$  has an inner product given by the formula

$$\langle u, v \rangle = \frac{1}{4}\|u + v\|^2 - \frac{1}{4}\|u - v\|^2.$$

- (d) Give an example of a real normed vector space where the norm does not arise from an inner product. Justify your answer fully.

5. (a) Let  $C[0, 1]$  be the real vector space of all continuous functions  $[0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

- (b) Show that we have a norm on  $C[0, 1]$  defined by the formula

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

- (c) Show that  $C[0, 1]$  is complete with respect to this norm.
- (d) State the Stone-Weierstrass theorem for real-valued functions.
- (e) Use the Stone-Weierstrass theorem to show that the set of all polynomials is a dense subset of  $C[0, 1]$ .

6. (a) State the Stone-Weierstrass theorem for complex-valued functions.

- (b) Let

$$\mathbb{T} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| = 1\}.$$

Let  $f_k(z) = z^k$ . Show that the span of the set  $\{z^k \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is dense in  $C(\mathbb{T})$ .

- (c) Let  $C_p[0, 2\pi]$  be the Banach space of continuous functions  $f: [0, 2\pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that  $f(0) = f(2\pi)$ , under the norm

$$\|f\|_\infty = \sup\{|f(x)| \mid x \in [0, 2\pi]\}.$$

Write down an isometric isomorphism  $\alpha: C(\mathbb{T}) \rightarrow C_p[0, 2\pi]$ .

- (d) Let  $e_k(t) = \exp(ikt)$ . Show that  $\{e_k \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is an orthonormal basis for the space  $L^2[0, 2\pi]$ . You may use without proof the fact that a dense subset of  $C_p[0, 2\pi]$  under the above norm is also a dense subset of  $L^2[0, 2\pi]$ .
- (e) Let  $f(x) = x$ . Find coefficients  $a_k \in \mathbb{C}$  such that the series

$$\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} a_k e_k = f$$

in the space  $L^2[0, 2\pi]$ .

- (f) Use the above to evaluate the series

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2}.$$

7. Let  $\mathbb{D} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| \leq 1\}$ . Let  $C(\mathbb{D})$  be the vector space of continuous functions  $f: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ .

- (a) Prove that we have a norm on  $C(\mathbb{D})$  defined by the formula

$$\|f\| = \sup\{|f(z)| \mid z \in \mathbb{D}\}$$

and that  $C(\mathbb{D})$  is complete with respect to this norm.

- (b) State the Stone-Weierstrass theorem for complex-valued functions.
- (c) Which of the following are dense subsets of  $C(\mathbb{D})$ ? Justify your answer fully.
- The set of all complex polynomial functions  $p: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ .
  - The set of all complex polynomial functions  $p: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  of even degree.
  - The set of all continuous functions  $f: \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  that extend to holomorphic functions in an open set containing  $\mathbb{D}$ .

8. (a) Let  $V$  and  $W$  be normed vector spaces. Prove that if  $T$  is a bounded linear map, then the kernel,  $\ker T$ , is closed.
- (b) Let  $C^\infty[0, 1]$  be the vector space of all real-valued infinitely-differentiable functions  $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , equipped with the norm

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

Let  $C_0^\infty[0, 1]$  be the subspace of all infinitely differentiable functions  $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(0) = 0$ .

- (c) Prove that we have a bounded linear map  $T: C^\infty[0, 1] \rightarrow C_0^\infty[0, 1]$  defined by the formula

$$(Tf)(x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt.$$

- (d) Prove that the above map  $T$  is bijective.
- (e) Does the map  $T$  have a *continuous* inverse? Justify your answer.
- (f) Say what is meant by an open map, and state the open mapping theorem.
- (g) Prove that  $C_0^\infty[0, 1]$  is a closed subspace of the space  $C^\infty[0, 1]$ ?
- (h) Is the normed vector space  $C^\infty[0, 1]$  complete? Justify your answer.
9. (a) Let  $V$  be a normed vector space over the field  $\mathbb{R}$ . Say what is meant by a bounded linear map  $f: V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , and define the norm of such a map. Prove that this norm satisfies the axioms required to turn the dual space  $V^* = \text{Hom}(V, \mathbb{R})$  into a normed vector space.
- (b) Prove that the above dual space  $V^*$  is complete.
- (c) State the Hahn-Banach theorem.
- (d) Prove that the linear map  $\tau: V \rightarrow (V^*)^*$  defined by the formula

$$\tau(v)(f) = f(v) \quad f \in V^*, v \in V$$

is an isometry.

10. (a) State Zorn's lemma, including definition of the terms *maximal* and *upper bound*.
- (b) Define what is meant by an orthonormal basis for a Hilbert space  $H$ .
- (c) Prove using Zorn's lemma that every Hilbert space has an orthonormal basis.
11. (a) Say what is meant by an orthonormal sequence in a Hilbert space, and what is meant by saying that an orthonormal sequence is an orthonormal basis.
- (b) Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space, and let  $(v_n)$  be an orthonormal sequence in  $H$ . Let  $v \in H$ . Suppose that

$$\|v\|^2 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |\langle e_n, v \rangle|^2.$$

Prove that  $v \in \overline{\text{Span}(v_n)}$ .

[Hint: Look at the norm of  $w_N = v - \sum_{n=1}^N \langle e_n, v \rangle e_n$ .]

- (c) Let

$$v_0 = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{4}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{8}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{16}}, \dots \right).$$

Define a bounded linear operator  $S: l^2 \rightarrow l^2$  by the formula  $S(a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots) = (0, a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots)$ . Let  $v_n = S^n v_0$ .

Let  $(e_n)$  be the standard basis for the space  $l^2$ . Compute the sum

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |\langle e_n, v_k \rangle|^2.$$

- (d) Show that the sequence  $(v_n)$  is an orthonormal basis for  $l^2$ . You may use any standard theorems from the course.

12. (a) Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space. Let  $w \in H$ . Show that

$$\|w\| = \sup\{|\langle v, w \rangle| \mid v \in H, \|v\| \leq 1\}.$$

You may use the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality without proof.

- (b) State the *Riesz representation theorem* for bounded linear functionals on a Hilbert space.
- (c) Let  $T: H \rightarrow H$  be a bounded linear map. Prove that there is a unique bounded linear map  $T^*: H \rightarrow H$  such that  $\langle T^*v, w \rangle = \langle v, Tw \rangle$  for all  $v, w \in H$ .

Show further that  $\|T^*\| = \|T\|$ .

- (d) Let  $T: H \rightarrow H$  be a bounded linear map. Show that

$$T[H]^\perp = \ker T^*.$$

- (e) Define bounded linear maps  $A, B: l^2 \rightarrow l^2$  by the formulae

$$A(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4 \dots) = (0, a_1, \frac{a_2}{2}, \frac{a_3}{3}, \frac{a_4}{4}, \dots)$$

and

$$B(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4 \dots) = (a_2, \frac{a_1}{2}, a_4, \frac{a_3}{2}, a_6, \frac{a_5}{2}, \dots)$$

respectively. Compute  $A^*$  and  $B^*$ .

13. (a) Let  $f, g \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$  be continuous functions. Show that we have a well-defined function  $f * g \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$  defined by the formula

$$(f * g)(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x-t)g(t)dt.$$

- (b) For continuous functions  $f, g \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ , show that, when taking the Fourier transform,  $\widehat{f * g}(\omega) = \hat{f}(\omega)\hat{g}(\omega)$ .

- (c) Let  $\alpha > 0$ . Let  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$  be continuous. Let  $g(x) = f(\alpha x)$ . Show that, when considering the Fourier transform, we have  $\hat{g}(\omega) = \frac{1}{\alpha} \hat{f}(\frac{\omega}{\alpha})$ .

- (d) Let  $\sigma > 0$ . Let

$$g_\sigma = \frac{1}{\sigma} \exp\left(\frac{-x^2}{2\sigma^2}\right).$$

- (e) Calculate the Fourier transform  $\hat{g}_\sigma$ .

- (f) Show that for any  $\sigma, \tau > 0$ , we have  $g_\sigma * g_\tau = g_{\sqrt{\sigma^2 + \tau^2}}$ .

You may assume here, if desired, the Fourier inversion theorem.

14. For this question, you may use without proof the fact that if  $\psi \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\phi \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$  then  $\psi * \phi \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$ , the convolution formula for the Fourier transform, and the fact that the Fourier transform of a piecewise-continuous integrable function is bounded.

- (a) Let  $f, g \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$  be continuous functions. Prove that we have a well-defined integrable function  $f * g$  defined by the formula

$$(f * g)(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x-t)g(t) dt.$$

- (b) Show that  $(f * g) * h = f * (g * h)$ .  
 (c) Show that  $L^1(\mathbb{R})$  is a Banach algebra, with multiplication defined by taking the convolution.  
 (d) State the definition of an admissible wavelet.  
 (e) Let  $\psi$  be an admissible wavelet, and let  $\phi \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ . Show that the convolution  $\psi * \phi$  is an admissible wavelet.

15. (a) Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space. State what is meant by the statements that a map  $T: H \rightarrow H$  is a *self-adjoint operator*, and that a map  $U: H \rightarrow H$  is a *unitary operator*.  
 (b) Let  $A: H \rightarrow H$  be a bounded linear operator. Show that we have a well-defined operator

$$e^A = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^n}{n!} \quad (A^0 = I).$$

- (c) Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}^{\geq 0}$ . Show that  $(e^A)^n = e^{nA}$ .  
 (d) Show that the operator  $e^A$  is invertible (even if  $A$  is not invertible), and  $(e^A)^{-1} = e^{-A}$ .  
 (e) Let  $A: H \rightarrow H$  be self-adjoint. Show that  $e^{iA}$  is unitary.

16. (a) Let  $A$  be a unital Banach algebra, and let  $x \in A$  be an element such that  $\|x\| < 1$ . Prove that the element  $1 - x$  is invertible.  
 (b) Define the *spectrum* of an element  $x \in A$ . Prove this it is a bounded subset of  $\mathbb{C}$ .  
 (c) State the spectral mapping theorem for polynomials.  
 (d) Let  $A$  be the Banach algebra of all bounded linear maps  $\ell^1 \rightarrow \ell^1$ . Determine the spectrum of the following operators from  $\ell^1$  to  $\ell^1$ .

- $S(a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots) = (a_2, a_3, \dots)$ .
- $T(a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots) = (a_3 - 2a_1, a_4 - 2a_2, a_5 - 2a_3, \dots)$ .

[Hint: For part (a), find the eigenvalues of  $S$ . You may use without proof the fact that the spectrum of  $S$  is closed.]

17. (a) Let  $A$  be a unital Banach algebra. Define the *spectrum* of an element  $x \in A$ . Prove that it is a closed subset of  $\mathbb{C}$ .
- (b) State the spectral mapping theorem for polynomials.
- (c) Define maps  $S, T: L^2[0, \infty) \rightarrow L^2[0, \infty)$  by the formulae

$$(Sf)(x) = f(x+1) \quad (Tf)(x) = f(x) + f(x+2).$$

Show that  $S$  and  $T$  are bounded linear maps. Find  $Spectrum(S)$  and  $Spectrum(T)$ .

18. (a) Define what is meant by the statement that a linear map between normed vector spaces is a *compact operator*.
- (b) Let  $K: V \rightarrow W$  be a compact operator between normed vector spaces  $V$  and  $W$ . Let  $(x_n)$  be a bounded sequence in  $V$ . Prove that  $(Kx_n)$  has a convergent subsequence.
- (c) Prove that any bounded linear map with finite-dimensional image is compact.
- (d) Prove that the operator  $S: \ell^2 \rightarrow \ell^2$  defined by the formula

$$S(a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots) = (a_1, \frac{a_2}{2}, \frac{a_3}{3}, \dots)$$

is compact.

[You may use without proof here the fact that a norm-limit of a sequence of compact operators is again compact]

19. (a) What is the definition of a Fredholm operator?
- (b) Define  $T: \ell^2 \rightarrow \ell^2$  by the formula

$$T(a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots) = (a_1 + a_3, \frac{a_2}{2} + a_4, \frac{a_3}{3} + a_5, \dots)$$

Show that  $T$  is Fredholm, and calculate  $Index(T)$ . You may use any standard results from the theory of Fredholm operators to do this.

20. (a) State the open mapping theorem.
- (b) Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space, and let  $V \subseteq H$  be a subspace. Define the subspace  $V^\perp$ , and show that  $V^\perp = \overline{V}^\perp$ .
- (c) State the Hilbert space decomposition theorem, and use it to prove that a subspace  $V \subseteq H$  is dense if and only if  $V^\perp = \{0\}$ .
- (d) Let  $(e_n)_{n=1}^\infty$  be an orthonormal sequence in  $H$ . Suppose that

$$\|x\|^2 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |\langle e_n, x \rangle|^2$$

for all  $x \in H$ . Prove that  $(e_n)$  is an orthonormal basis for  $H$ .

- (e) Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space, and let  $T: H \rightarrow H$  be a bounded linear map with closed image. Prove that the restriction

$$T|_{(\ker T)^\perp}: (\ker T)^\perp \rightarrow T[H]$$

is invertible, with inverse a bounded linear map.

- (f) Show that  $T[H]^\perp = \ker T^*$ .

21. Throughout this question, you may use any of the results proved in the previous question.

- (a) Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space. Let  $V \subseteq H$  be a closed subspace, and  $W \subseteq H$  a finite-dimensional subspace. Prove that  $V + W$  is closed.
- (b) State the definition of a compact operator on  $H$ .
- (c) Show that any operator with finite-dimensional image is compact.
- (d) State the definition of a Fredholm operator on  $H$ .
- (e) Show that if  $T$  is a Fredholm operator, we have an operator  $S: H \rightarrow H$  such that  $ST - I$  and  $TS - I$  are both compact.