

Functional Analysis Problem Sheet 1

Problems marked with a dagger will involve some bookwork.

[1] Let  $V$  be a vector space with a function  $(\cdot, \cdot) : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $\|f\| = (f, f)^{1/2}$ . Prove the Schwartz inequality

$$|(f, g)| \leq \|f\| \|g\|$$

in each of the following cases: (a)  $V = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $(f, g) = fg$ ; (b)  $V = \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $(f, g) = \sum f_i g_i$  (“dot product”); (c)  $V =$  Riemann-integrable square-integrable functions  $[0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $(f, g) = \int fg$ ; (d)  $V =$  square-summable sequences,  $(f, g) = \sum f_i g_i$ .

[2] For each of the following linear spaces, determine the dimension: (a) the set of vectors  $x = (x_i)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with  $\sum x_i = 0$ ; (b) the set of continuous functions  $[0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ; (c) the set of polynomials of degree  $\leq r$  on  $[0, 1]$ ; (d) the set of polynomials on  $[0, 1]$ .

[4†] Let  $p \in [1, \infty]$  and let  $q$  have  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ . Prove that  $q$  also lies in  $[1, \infty]$ . Prove Hölder’s inequality in the following forms: For vectors:

$$\left| \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i \right| \leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^q \right)^{1/q} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i|^p \right)^{1/p}.$$

For sequences  $(x_i)$  with  $\sum |x_i|^q < \infty$ ,  $\sum |y_i|^p < \infty$ :

$$\left| \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i y_i \right| \leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |x_i|^q \right)^{1/q} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |y_i|^p \right)^{1/p}.$$

For Riemann-integrable functions  $f, g$  with  $\int_0^1 |f|^p < \infty$ ,  $\int_0^1 |g|^q < \infty$ :

$$\int_0^1 |fg| \leq \left( \int_0^1 |f|^p \right)^{1/p} \left( \int_0^1 |g|^q \right)^{1/q}.$$

[5†] Prove Minkowski’s inequality in the following forms. For vectors:

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i + y_i|^p \right)^{1/p} \leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|^p \right)^{1/p} + \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i|^p \right)^{1/p}.$$

For sequences  $(x_i)$  with the property that  $\sum |x_i|^p < \infty$  (“ $p$ -summable”):

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |x_i + y_i|^p \right)^{1/p} \leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |x_i|^p \right)^{1/p} + \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |y_i|^p \right)^{1/p}.$$

For functions  $f$  with  $\int_0^1 |f|^p < \infty$ :

$$\left( \int_0^1 |f + g|^p \right)^{1/p} \leq \left( \int_0^1 |f|^p \right)^{1/p} + \left( \int_0^1 |g|^p \right)^{1/p}.$$

[6] Set a calculator into “Radians” mode and enter any number between 0 and  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ . What happens if you repeatedly press the  $\cos$  button? Can you explain why this is happening?

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