

**Problem 1. [Spaces of sequences]**

Let  $\ell^p$ ,  $\ell^\infty$ , and  $s$  stand for linear spaces of sequences  $\mathbf{x} = (x_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}} := (x_1, x_2, \dots)$  endowed with the norms

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_{\ell^p} := \left( \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |x_j|^p \right)^{1/p} \quad \text{for } p \in [1, \infty) ,$$

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_{\ell^\infty} := \sup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} |x_j| ,$$

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_s := \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^j} \frac{|x_j|}{1 + |x_j|} .$$

(a) Let  $(\mathbf{x}^{(n)})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be the sequence of infinite sequences  $\mathbf{x}^{(n)}$ , where

$$\mathbf{x}^{(n)} := \left( \underbrace{1, 1, \dots, 1}_{n \text{ terms}}, 0, 0, \dots \right) . \quad (1)$$

Show that the sequence  $(\mathbf{x}^{(n)})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges to the sequence  $\mathbf{1} = (1, 1, \dots)$  in the space  $s$ .

(b) Demonstrate that the sequence  $(\mathbf{x}^{(n)})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  given by (1) is not a Cauchy sequence (and, hence, does not converge) in  $\ell^\infty$ .

(c) Does the sequence  $(\mathbf{x}^{(n)})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  given by (1) converge in  $\ell^p$  for some  $p \in [1, \infty)$ ?

(d) Let  $(\mathbf{y}^{(n)})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be the sequence of infinite sequences  $\mathbf{y}^{(n)}$ , where

$$\mathbf{y}^{(n)} := \left( \underbrace{\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n}, \dots, \frac{1}{n}}_{n \text{ terms}}, 0, 0, \dots \right) . \quad (2)$$

Show that this sequence converges in  $s$  to the sequence  $\mathbf{0} = (0, 0, \dots)$ .

(e) Show that the sequence  $(\mathbf{y}^{(n)})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  given by (2) converges in  $\ell^\infty$ .

(f) Show that the sequence  $(\mathbf{y}^{(n)})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  given by (2) converges in  $\ell^p$  for  $p \in (1, \infty)$ .

(g) Does the sequence  $(\mathbf{y}^{(n)})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  given by (2) converge in  $\ell^1$ ?

(h) Let  $(\mathbf{z}^{(n)})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be the sequence of infinite sequences  $\mathbf{z}^{(n)}$ , where

$$\mathbf{z}^{(n)} := \left( \underbrace{\frac{1}{n^\alpha}, \frac{1}{n^\alpha}, \dots, \frac{1}{n^\alpha}}_{n \text{ terms}}, 0, 0, \dots \right) .$$

For which  $p \in (0, \infty)$  does this sequence converge in  $\ell^p$ ?

**Problem 2. [Equivalence of norms]**

Two norms,  $\|\cdot\|$  and  $\|\cdot\|'$ , on the same linear space  $V$  are said to be *equivalent* if there exist positive constants  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  such that

$$C_1\|\mathbf{x}\| \leq \|\mathbf{x}\|' \leq C_2\|\mathbf{x}\| \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in V .$$

In this problem let  $\mathbb{R}^n = \{\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) : x_j \in \mathbb{R}\}$  stand for the linear space of finite sequences of  $n$  numbers,  $\mathbb{R}^\infty = \{\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots) : x_j \in \mathbb{R}\}$  stand for the linear space of infinite sequences, and let  $\|\cdot\|_p$  denote the  $\ell^p$ -norm in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  or  $\mathbb{R}^\infty$ :

$$\|\mathbf{x}\|_p := \left( \sum_j |x_j|^p \right)^{1/p} \quad \text{for } p \in [1, \infty) ; \quad \|\mathbf{x}\|_\infty := \sup_j |x_j| .$$

- Prove that the norms  $\|\cdot\|_1$  and  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  are equivalent.
- Prove that the norms  $\|\cdot\|_2$  and  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  are equivalent.
- Use your results from parts (a) and (b) to show that the norms  $\|\cdot\|_1$  and  $\|\cdot\|_2$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  are equivalent.
- Give an example to show that  $\|\cdot\|_1$  and  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$  are not equivalent norms on the space  $\mathbb{R}^\infty := \{\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots) : x_j \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .
- Give an example to show that  $\|\cdot\|_1$  and  $\|\cdot\|_2$  are not equivalent norms on the space  $\mathbb{R}^\infty$  from part (d).

**Problem 3. [Comparison of  $L^p$  for different  $p$ ; Hölder inequality]**

Let  $\Omega$  be an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $L^p(\Omega)$  be the linear space of functions  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $\|f\|_{L^p(\Omega)} < \infty$ , and in all parts of this problem assume that

$$1 \leq p_1 < p_2 \leq \infty .$$

- Use the Hölder inequality,

$$\left| \int_\Omega f(x) g(x) dx \right| \leq \|f\|_{L^{p_1}(\Omega)} \|g\|_{L^{p_2}(\Omega)}$$

where  $\frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2} = 1$  if  $p_1, p_2 \in (1, \infty)$ , or  $p_1 = 1$  and  $p_2 = \infty$ , to show that

$$\left| \int_\Omega |h(x)|^{p_1} dx \right| \leq |\Omega|^{1-p_1/p_2} \|h\|_{L^{p_2}(\Omega)}^{p_1} ,$$

where  $|\Omega| := \int_\Omega 1 dx$  is the volume of the domain  $\Omega$ . Please write your derivation in detail.

*Hint:* Set  $p = p_2/p_1 > 1$ ,  $f = |h|^{p_1}$ , and choose  $g$  appropriately.

- (b) Use your result for part (a) to show that  $L^{p_2}(\Omega) \subset L^{p_1}(\Omega)$  if  $|\Omega| < \infty$ .
- (c) Give a simple example to show that the inclusion in part (b) is strict, i.e., for  $|\Omega| < \infty$ , find a function  $f \in L^{p_1}(\Omega)$  such that  $f \notin L^{p_2}(\Omega)$ .

*Hint:* Consider  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^\alpha}$  for  $x \in (0, 1)$  where  $\alpha > 0$  is appropriately chosen.

- (d) Give a simple example that shows that the inclusion from part (b) is not true if  $|\Omega|$  is infinite.

*Hint:* How about  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^\alpha}$  for  $x \in (1, \infty)$  for an appropriate choice of  $\alpha > 0$ ?

#### Problem 4. [Continuity of operators]

Let  $C[0, 1]$  be the linear space of continuous functions on  $[0, 1]$  with the norm

$$\|f\|_{C[0,1]} := \sup_{x \in [0,1]} |f(x)| ,$$

and  $C^1[0, 1]$  be the linear space of  $C^1$  functions on  $[0, 1]$  with the norm

$$\|f\|_{C^1[0,1]} := \sup_{x \in [0,1]} |f(x)| + \sup_{x \in [0,1]} |f'(x)| ,$$

- (a) Let  $A : C[0, 1] \rightarrow C[0, 1]$  be the linear integral operator

$$(Af)(x) := \int_0^x f(y) \, dy .$$

Show that the operator  $A$  is continuous.

- (b) Let the linear integral operators  $B$  be defined by

$$(Bf)(x) := \int_0^1 K(x, y) f(y) \, dy ,$$

where  $K \in C^1([0, 1] \times [0, 1])$ . Show that  $B$  is a continuous map from  $C[0, 1]$  to  $C^1[0, 1]$ .

- (c) Prove that the nonlinear operator  $E : C[0, 1] \rightarrow C[0, 1]$  defined by

$$(Ef)(x) := f(x)^2$$

is continuous.