

# MAT520 HW4

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1. Normed-closed convex subset  $K$  is weakly-closed. To see this, for any  $x_0 \in X \setminus K$ , since  $K$  is normed-closed and convex and  $\{x_0\}$  is (strongly-)compact and convex in  $X$ , apply the Hahn-Banach separation theorem (Theorem 3.4 in Rudin's Functional Analysis), there exists  $\lambda \in X^*$  such that

$$\operatorname{Re}\{\lambda\}(x_0) < \gamma < \operatorname{Re}\{\lambda\}(y)$$

for some  $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$  and for all  $y \in K$ . In particular, we have  $\{x \in X : |\lambda(x - x_0)| < \epsilon\} \subset X \setminus K$  for some  $\epsilon$  small enough. If the closed unit ball  $B$  in  $X$  is weakly compact, then with  $rK \subset B$  for  $r$  small by boundedness of  $K$ , we conclude that  $rK$  and hence  $K$  is weakly-compact (note weak topology on  $X$  is Hausdorff). To show that  $B$  is weakly compact, we consider  $X \cong X^{**}$  by reflexivity of  $X$ . In fact, with respect to the weak topology on  $X$  and weak-star topology on  $X^{**}$ , the spaces  $X$  and  $X^{**}$  are homeomorphic. Indeed,  $x_\alpha \rightarrow x$  converges weakly in  $X$  if and only if  $J(x_\alpha) \rightarrow J(x)$  in the weak-star sense, where  $J : X \rightarrow X^{**}$  is the canonical map, since both translate to  $\lambda(x_\alpha) \rightarrow \lambda(x)$  for all  $\lambda \in X^*$ . Now  $J(B)$  is the closed unit ball in  $X^{**}$  and hence is weak-star compact by the Banach-Alaoglu theorem. Thus  $B$  is weakly-compact.

2. (i.) (Use the Banach-Alaoglu theorem to exhibit an element of  $(\ell^\infty)^*$  which is not in  $\ell^1$ .) It is clear that  $\mu_n \in (\ell^\infty)^*$  and  $\|\mu_n\| \leq 1$  and we can apply the Banach-Alaoglu theorem on the sequence  $\{\mu_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  to find an element  $\mu$  in the closed unit ball of  $(\ell^\infty)^*$  such that for any weak-star neighborhood  $U$  of  $\mu$ , we have  $\mu_n \in U$  for infinitely many  $n$ . Let  $e_j \in \ell^\infty$  be the vector that takes value 1 in the  $j$ -th position and zero otherwise. Since  $\mu_n(e_j) \rightarrow 0$ , we must have  $\mu(e_j) = 0$ ; otherwise  $\{\mu_n\} \cap \{\eta \in (\ell^\infty)^* : |\eta - \mu|(e_j)| < \epsilon\}$  has finitely many terms. Let  $a \in \ell^\infty$  be the all 1 vector. We have  $\mu(a) = 1$  by similar reasoning. Now, consider the canonical map  $J : \ell^1 \rightarrow (\ell^\infty)^*$  where  $\{x_j\}$  is mapped to the functional  $\lambda : \{a_j\} \mapsto \sum_j a_j x_j$ . Suppose  $\mu = J(x)$  for some  $x \in \ell^1$ . We have  $x_j = J(x)(e_j) = \mu(e_j) = 0$  for all  $j$ . Thus  $J(x) = 0$ . However  $\mu \neq 0$ .
- (ii.) (Show that  $\ell^\infty \cong (\ell^1)^*$ .) Let  $J : \ell^\infty \rightarrow (\ell^1)^*$  map  $\{x_j\}$  to a functional  $\lambda : \{a_j\} \mapsto \sum_j a_j x_j$ . It is clear that  $J$  is injective. To show surjectivity, for  $\lambda \in (\ell^1)^*$ ,

let  $x_j := \lambda(e_j)$ , and we have  $J(\{x_j\}) = \lambda$ . Apply Hahn-Banach to show that  $J$  is isometric.

3. The dual of  $L^p$  for  $p \in (1, \infty)$  is  $L^q$  where  $1/p + 1/q = 1$ . Since  $L^q([-\pi, \pi]) \subset L^1([-\pi, \pi])$ , we will show that for any  $f \in L^1([-\pi, \pi])$ , we have  $\hat{f}(n) := \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(t)e^{int} dt \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . We know that the trigonometric polynomials are dense in  $C([-\pi, \pi])$  in sup norm, and  $C([-\pi, \pi])$  is dense in  $L^1([-\pi, \pi])$  in  $L^1$  norm. For  $f \in L^1$ , find trigonometric polynomial  $p$  such that  $\|f - p\|_{\infty} < \epsilon$  and find  $g \in L^1$  such that  $\|f - g\|_1 < \epsilon$ . Then

$$|\hat{f}(n)| \leq |\hat{f}(n) - \hat{g}(n)| + |\hat{g}(n) - \hat{p}(n)| + |\hat{p}(n)| \leq 2\epsilon + |\hat{p}(n)|$$

since  $\hat{p}(n) \rightarrow 0$ , for sufficiently large  $n$  we have  $|\hat{f}(n)| \leq 2\epsilon$ . Now if  $f_n \rightarrow g$  in norm, then  $g = 0$ . However  $\|f_n\|_p = 1$ .

4. (Show  $C([0, 1])$  is dense in  $L^{\infty}([0, 1])$  with respect to the weak-star topology and not with respect to the norm topology.) Let  $\eta$  be the standard mollifier (see, e.g., Section C5 in Evans' Partial Differential Equation) and  $\eta_{\epsilon}(x) = \frac{1}{\epsilon}\eta(\frac{x}{\epsilon})$ . If  $f \in L^{\infty}$ , we will show that  $\int \eta_{\epsilon} * fg \rightarrow \int fg$  for all  $g \in L^1$ , and note that  $\eta_{\epsilon} * f$  is smooth. Since  $\int |\eta_{\epsilon}(x - y)f(y)||g(x)|dxdy \leq \|\eta_{\epsilon}\|_{\infty}\|f\|_{\infty}\|g\|_{L^1}$ , we can use Fubini's theorem to get  $\int \eta_{\epsilon} * fg = \int \eta_{\epsilon} * gf$ . Thus

$$\left| \int \eta_{\epsilon} * fg - \int fg \right| \leq \int |f||\eta_{\epsilon} * g - g| \leq \|f\|_{\infty}\|\eta_{\epsilon} * g - g\| \rightarrow 0$$

as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ , since  $\eta_{\epsilon} * g \rightarrow g$  in  $L^1$ . For the norm topology, we now that  $C([0, 1])$  is closed in  $L^{\infty}([0, 1])$  in this topology. Since  $C([0, 1]) \subsetneq L^{\infty}([0, 1])$ , it cannot be dense.

5. First we show that  $B \subset \overline{S}$ . Let  $\|x_0\| < 1$ . We need to show that

$$\{x : |\lambda_i(x - x_0)| < \epsilon\} \cap S$$

is nonempty for any  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \in X^*$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ . The map  $(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n) : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  has nontrivial kernel; otherwise we will have the contradiction that  $\dim X \leq n$ . Denote  $y_0 \neq 0$  the be the vector such that  $\lambda_i(y_0) = 0$  for all  $i$ . Since  $\alpha \mapsto \|x_0 + \alpha y_0\|$  is continuous, and  $\|x_0\| < 1$  and  $\|x_0 + \alpha y_0\| \rightarrow \infty$  as  $|\alpha| \rightarrow \infty$ , by the intermediate value theorem, there is some  $\alpha$  such that  $\|x_0 + \alpha y_0\| = 1$ . Thus  $x_0 + \alpha y_0 \in S$  and  $\lambda_i(x_0 + \alpha y_0 - x_0) = 0 < \epsilon$ . To show  $\overline{S} \subset B$ , we note that  $B$  is weakly-closed since

$$B = \bigcap_{\|\lambda\|=1} \{x : |\lambda(x)| \leq 1\}$$

which follows from  $\|x\| = \sup_{\|\lambda\|=1} |\lambda(x)|$ .

6. We have

$$|L_n(x_n) - L(x)| \leq |L_n(x_n) - L_n(x)| + |L_n(x) - L(x)|$$

The second term converges to zero since  $L_n \rightarrow L$  in the weak-star sense. Also, since  $|L_n(x)|$  is bounded for each  $x \in X$ , then  $\|L_n\|$  is bounded by the uniform boundedness principle. Thus

$$|L_n(x_n) - L_n(x)| \leq \|L_n\| \|x_n - x\| \rightarrow 0$$

8. Use the Gelfand's formula for spectral radius.

9.  $x^{-1}(xy) = y \in \mathcal{G}$ .

10. One can construct left and right inverses for  $x$  and  $y$ .

11.  $LR = \mathbb{1}$  and  $RL$  projects onto  $n \geq 2$ .

12. If  $\lambda \neq 0$ , then  $\lambda - xy$  is invertible if and only if  $\lambda - yx$  is invertible. This follows exactly the same as Problem 11. Take  $R$  and  $L$  from Problem 10. Then  $LR$  is invertible while  $RL$  is not.

14. If  $z$  is on the boundary of  $\sigma(x)$ , then there is a sequence  $z_n \rightarrow z$  such that  $x - z_n$  is invertible. In particular, any neighborhood balls of  $x - z$  intersects  $x - z_n$  for some  $n$ .

15. Take  $x_n \rightarrow x$  where  $x_n \in \mathcal{G}$ . We have  $\|x_n^{-1}\| \rightarrow \infty$ . Indeed,  $xx_n^{-1}$  is not invertible and hence  $1 \leq \|\mathbb{1} - xx_n^{-1}\|$ . Thus

$$1 \leq \|\mathbb{1} - xx_n^{-1}\| = \|(x - x_n)x_n^{-1}\| \leq \|x - x_n\| \|x_n^{-1}\|$$

and  $\|x_n^{-1}\| = 1/\|x - x_n\| \rightarrow \infty$ . Let  $y_n = x_n^{-1}/\|x_n^{-1}\|$ . Then

$$\|xy_n\| = \frac{\|xx_n^{-1}\|}{\|x_n\|} = \frac{\|(x - x_n)x_n^{-1} + \mathbb{1}\|}{\|x_n^{-1}\|} \leq \|x - x_n\| + \frac{1}{\|x_n^{-1}\|} \rightarrow 0$$

If  $\mathcal{A}$  is a Banach algebra whose nonzero elements are invertible, then by Gelfand-Mazur  $\mathcal{A} = \mathbb{C}$ , and 0 is the only topological divisor of 0.

16. Here  $\ell^2(\mathbb{N})$  is a Hilbert space, and we can talk about the adjoint of  $T$ . It is not hard to find that  $T$  is unitary and  $T^2 = -\mathbb{1}$ , which implies  $\sigma(T)$  belongs to the unit circle and  $\sigma(T) \subset \{i, -i\}$ , respectively. Thus  $\sigma(T) = \{i, -i\}$  since  $T$  is not identically  $i$  or  $-i$ .

17.  $r(x) = \inf_n \|x^n\|^{1/n} = 0$ .

18. We need to show that  $\{x \in \mathcal{A} : r(x) < \alpha\}$  is open for any  $\alpha > 0$ . If  $r(x_0) < \alpha$ , then  $\sigma(x_0) \subset B(0, \alpha - \epsilon)$ . We use Theorem 10.20 in Rudin's Functional Analysis to find  $\delta > 0$  such that for all  $\|x - x_0\| < \delta$ , we have  $\sigma(x) \subset B(0, \alpha - \epsilon)$ . Thus  $r(x) < \alpha$ .

19. See Proposition 3.1, Chapter 1 in Stein and Shakarchi's Complex Analysis, and the discussion there for the invariance of reparametrization.
20. See Lemma 6.13 in LN.
21. See Rudin Theorem 3.31.
22. If  $f$  is strongly holomorphic, then it is clearly weakly holomorphic, i.e.,  $\phi \circ f(\cdot)$  is a complex-valued holomorphic function. Using Goursat's theorem (Theorem 1.1 in Stein and Shakarchi's Complex Analysis), we conclude that  $\int_{\partial\Delta} \phi \circ f = 0$  for every triangle. Then we apply Problem 20 in this PSet to conclude.
23. See Chapter 3.5 in Stein and Shakarchi's Complex Analysis.
24. See Theorem 5.1, Chapter 2 in Stein and Shakarchi's Complex Analysis.
25. See Theorem 6.18 in LN.
26. See Theorem 6.20 in LN.
27. See Theorem 4.5, Chapter 3 in Stein and Shakarchi's Complex Analysis.
28. See Theorem 5.3, Chapter 2 in Stein and Shakarchi's Complex Analysis.