

ASSIGNMENT 2**Reading Assignment:**

Text: Chp 10 (pp. 272-277); Correspondence # 3.

Recommended Reading:

Curtain & Pritchard: Chapters 1 (pp. 20-22), 4 (pp. 55-64);

Balakrishnan: Chapter 1, and Chapter 2 (pp. 54-57).

Liusternik & Sobolev: Chapter 1 (pp. 26-44).

Advance Reading:

Text: Chapter 3

Problems (to be handed in): Due Date: **Tuesday, February 5**

- 11.** Consider the space ℓ'_p consisting of all ordered numbers $(\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_{k_1})$ where k_1 is a natural number and ξ_i 's are arbitrary real numbers. If

$$x := (\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_{k_1}) \quad y := (\nu_1, \nu_2, \dots, \nu_{k_2}), \quad k_2 \geq k_1,$$

we introduce a metric by

$$\rho(x, y) = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{k_1} |\xi_i - \nu_i|^p + \sum_{j=k_1+1}^{k_2} |\nu_j|^p \right)^{1/p}, \quad 1 \leq p < \infty.$$

Show that ℓ'_p is **not** a complete metric space.

Hint: You have to show that there exists a Cauchy sequence in ℓ'_p , whose limit is not in ℓ'_p ; consider, for instance, the sequence:

$$x_1 = \{1\}, \quad x_2 = \{1, \frac{1}{2}\}, \quad x_3 = \{1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2^2}\}, \dots, \quad x_n = \{1, \frac{1}{2}, \dots, \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}\}, \dots$$

- 12.** Let $f : C[0, 2] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be a functional defined by

$$f(x) = \max_{0 \leq t \leq 2} x(t)$$

(a) **Show** that f is **continuous**.

(b) Is f **uniformly** continuous?

Note: A transformation $T : X \rightarrow Y$, where both X and Y are normed linear spaces, is **uniformly** continuous, if in the (ϵ, δ) definition of continuity, δ depends on only ϵ , and not on $x \in X$.

13. This problem is similar to the preceding one with a different interval and a different function f . Let $f : C[0, 4] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ be a functional defined by

$$f(x) = \max_{0 \leq t \leq 4} (x(t))^3$$

- (a) **Show** that f is **continuous**.
 (b) Is f **uniformly** continuous?
14. As to be discussed in class on Tuesday (January 29), the Banach space $L_p[a, b]$ is **separable**, for $1 \leq p < \infty$ and for any finite interval $[a, b]$ (see also Example 4, on page 43 of the text). This result does not hold, however, if the interval is infinite, that is $(-\infty, \infty)$, and the norm adopted is

$$\|x\| = \left(\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_{-T}^T |x(t)|^p dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

We denote the space in this case by $L_p(-\infty, \infty)$.

Construct a counterexample to show that $L_2(-\infty, \infty)$ is not separable.

Hint : Try the continuum of elements $\{\sin \alpha t, \alpha \in (-\infty, \infty)\}$ as a candidate to generate a counterexample.

15. Let $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ be a normed linear space, and x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n be linearly independent vectors from X . For fixed $y \in X$, show that there exist coefficients a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n minimizing the quantity

$$\|y - a_1 x_1 - a_2 x_2 \cdots - a_n x_n\|.$$

Hint : First show that the search for the minimizing coefficients can be restricted to a closed and bounded finite-dimensional set, and then use the Weierstrass theorem (p. 40 of the text).

[This is Problem 9 on page 44 of the text.]

16. In *Problem 15* above, let $X = L_2[0, 1]$, $n = 2$, $x_1(t) = 1$, $x_2(t) = t$, $y(t) = t^3$, $0 \leq t \leq 1$. Obtain the optimum values of a_1 and a_2 .
17. Repeat *Problem 16* for the case when $X = C[0, 1]$ (with the Chebyshev (maximum) norm).
[Note: This requires a much more involved analysis than the previous one.]

The next five problems are on fixed points (topic of Correspondence # 3).

18. Consider the fixed-point (FP) equation

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{2}t^3 + \alpha \sin \pi x(t)$$

defined over the interval $t \in [-2, 2]$, with $x \in C[-2, 2]$, and α a positive constant (a parameter). For what values of α does there exist a *unique* continuous function $x(\cdot)$ on $[-2, 2]$ which solves the FP equation. Show (prove) that for these values of α a solution indeed exists and is unique.

Hint : Use a contraction mapping type argument, applied to a subset of $C[-2, 2]$, which comprises all uniformly bounded functions, such as functions satisfying the bound $|x(t)| \leq \beta$, for some β .

- 19.** Let $T : \mathbf{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n$ be a transformation defined by $T(x) = Ax + b$, where A is an $n \times n$ matrix with real entries a_{ij} , and b is a given vector in \mathbf{R}^n , with components b_i 's.

(a) Under what conditions on the a_{ij} 's and b_i 's is T a contraction when the norm on \mathbf{R}^n is the Euclidean one, that is $\|x\| = \{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i)^2\}^{1/2}$?

(b) Under what conditions on the a_{ij} 's and b_i 's is T a contraction when the norm on \mathbf{R}^n is the maximum norm, that is $\|x\| = \max_i |x_i|$? Are these conditions more or less restrictive than the ones obtained in part (a)?

(c) We now wish to compute a *fixed point* of T by using the iteration (successive approximation)

$$x_{(i+1)} = Ax_{(i)} + b, \quad i = 0, 1, \dots$$

where $x_{(0)}$ is an arbitrary starting point. Based on the results you obtained in parts (a) and (b) above, what can you deduce as the conditions on the a_{ij} 's and b_i 's for this sequence to converge to a fixed point of T .

(d) Show that the condition you obtained in part (c) above holds for the special 3-dimensional case when

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0.5 & 0.2 & 0.2 \\ 0.6 & 0.2 & 0.1 \\ 0.2 & 0.7 & 0 \end{pmatrix}; \quad b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

and obtain the fixed point of T numerically (to 5 significant places) by starting the iteration at **(i)** the origin (i.e., $x_{(0)} = \theta$), and **(ii)** $x_{(0)} = (-1 \quad 1 \quad -1)'$.

- 20.** Consider the following integral equation where λ is a constant parameter:

$$x(t) + \lambda \int_0^2 (t-s)x(s) ds = t^3, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 2$$

(a) If the integral equation is defined on $L_2[0, 2]$, for what values of λ does it admit a unique solution?

(b) Is the solution continuous, i.e., does it belong to $C[0, 2]$?

(c) If the integral equation is instead defined on $L_1[0, 2]$, for what values of λ does it admit a unique solution using Banach's contraction mapping theorem? Would this solution be different than the one in (a)?

21. Consider the following linear equation defined on ℓ_1 :

$$\lambda \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_{nm} x_m = 3^{-2n} + x_n, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

where λ is again a parameter, and a_{nm} 's are real numbers.

(a) Under what conditions on λ and the a_{nm} 's does this equation admit a unique solution $x^\circ \in \ell_1$? [Use the contraction mapping theorem to solve this problem.]

(b) Now let

$$a_{nm} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2n^2} & m = n \\ \frac{1}{4m^2n^2} & m \neq n \end{cases}$$

Using the result of part (a) above, obtain the conditions on λ such that the map $T : \ell_1 \rightarrow \ell_1$, defined by

$$T(x)_n := \lambda \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_{nm} x_m - 3^{-2n}$$

is (i) contraction, (ii) nonexpansive.

22. Let X be a Banach space with norm $\|\cdot\|$, and let S be a compact subset of X . Let T be a contractive (*not contraction*) mapping of S into itself. Show that T has a unique fixed point, and it can be obtained using the iteration

$$x_{(n+1)} = T(x_{(n)}), \quad n = 0, 1, \dots$$

with an arbitrary starting point $x_{(0)} \in S$.

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