

Normed Linear Spaces

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Problem 1. Recall that two norms N_1 and N_2 on a linear space E are said *equivalent* if there exist constants α and β such that

$$\alpha N_1(x) \leq N_2(x) \leq \beta N_1(x)$$

for all $x \in E$.

(a) Prove that the norms $\|\cdot\|_1$, $\|\cdot\|_2$ and $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ on \mathbf{R}^n are equivalent.

(b) For $X = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ fixed in \mathbf{R}^n , determine $\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \|X\|_p$.

(c) Prove that equivalent norms have the same bounded sets.

Problem 2. Denote by \mathcal{W} the set of non-negative continuous functions on $[0, 1]$ that vanish finitely many times (possibly zero). For $\varphi \in \mathcal{W}$ and $f \in C([0, 1])$, let

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

(a) Prove that $\|\cdot\|_\varphi$ is a norm on $C([0, 1])$.

(b) Assume φ_1 and φ_2 are strictly positive elements of \mathcal{W} .

Prove that $\|\cdot\|_{\varphi_1}$ and $\|\cdot\|_{\varphi_2}$ are equivalent.

From now on, let $\varphi_1(x) = x$ and $\varphi_2(x) = x^2$.

(c) Verify that $\|f\|_{\varphi_2} \leq \|f\|_{\varphi_1}$ for every $f \in C([0, 1])$.

(d) Prove that $\|\cdot\|_{\varphi_1}$ and $\|\cdot\|_{\varphi_2}$ are not equivalent.

Hint: consider the sequence of functions $f_n : x \mapsto (1 - x)^n$.

Problem 3. If $A = \{a_n\}_{n \in \mathbf{N}}$ is a sequence of real numbers and $U = \{u_n\}_{n \in \mathbf{N}} \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{N}, \mathbf{R})$ is a bounded sequence, denote by $N_A(U)$ the (possibly divergent) series

$$N_A(U) = \sum_{n \in \mathbf{N}} a_n |u_n|.$$

- (a) Find a necessary and sufficient condition on A for N_A to be a norm on $\mathcal{B}(\mathbf{N}, \mathbf{R})$.
(b) Under the condition of (a), compare N_A and $\| \cdot \|_\infty$. Are they equivalent?

Problem 4. Denote by T the linear map from $\mathbf{R}^{\mathbf{N}}$ to itself defined by

$$T(u)_n = \frac{u_n}{n+1}, \quad \text{for } u = \{u_n\}_{n \in \mathbf{N}}.$$

- (a) Prove that T restricts to a bounded operator T_0 from $(c_{00}(\mathbf{N}), \| \cdot \|_\infty)$ to itself.
(b) Verify that T_0 is invertible. Is T_0^{-1} bounded?
(c) Discuss the restriction of T to $c_0(\mathbf{N})$.
(d) (Optional.) Identify $c_{00}(\mathbf{N})$ with the space of polynomial functions on \mathbf{R} . Express T_0 and T_0^{-1} under this identification.

Hint: denote by δ_n the sequence defined by $\delta_n(k) = 0$ for $k \neq n$ and $\delta_n(n) = 1$. Notice that it is a Hamel basis for $c_{00}(\mathbf{N})$.