

**CSE386C**  
**METHODS OF APPLIED MATHEMATICS**  
**Fall 2014, Exam 3**

1. Define the following notions and provide a non-trivial example (2+2 points each):

- (topological) transpose of a continuous operator,
- (topological) transpose of a closed operator,
- orthogonal complement of a subspace in a Hilbert space,
- orthonormal basis in a Hilbert space,
- Riesz operator.

See the book.

2. State and prove *three* out of the four theorems (10 points each):

- Properties of the transpose of a continuous operator (Prop. 5.16.1)
- Characterization of injective operators with closed range (Thm. 5.17.1)
- Completeness of quotient Banach space (Lemma 5.17.1)
- The Orthogonal Decomposition Theorem (Thm. 6.2.1)

See the book.

3. Let  $X$  be a Banach space, and  $P : X \rightarrow X$  be a continuous linear projection, i.e.,  $P^2 = P$ . Prove that the range of  $P$  is closed. (10 points)

Let  $u_n \in \mathcal{R}(P)$ ,  $u_n \rightarrow u$ . We need to show that  $u \in \mathcal{R}(P)$  as well. Let  $v_n \in X$  be such that  $u_n = Pv_n$ . Then  $Pu_n = P^2v_n = Pv_n = u_n \rightarrow Pu$ . By the uniqueness of the limit, it must be  $u = Pu$ . Consequently,  $u$  is the image of itself and must be in the range of the projection.

4. Let  $\{e_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be an orthonormal family in a Hilbert space  $V$ . Prove that the following conditions are equivalent to each other.

(i)  $\{e_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is an orthonormal basis, i.e., it is maximal.

(ii) 
$$\mathbf{u} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\mathbf{u}, e_n) e_n \quad \forall \mathbf{u} \in V.$$

(iii) 
$$(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\mathbf{u}, e_n) \overline{(\mathbf{v}, e_n)}.$$

$$(iv) \|\mathbf{u}\|^2 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{e}_n)|^2.$$

(15 points)

(i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii). Let

$$\mathbf{u}_N := \sum_{j=1}^N u_j \mathbf{e}_j, \quad \mathbf{u}_N \rightarrow \mathbf{u}$$

Multiply both sides of the equality above by  $\mathbf{e}_i$ , and use orthonormality of  $\mathbf{e}_j$  to learn that

$$u_i = (\mathbf{u}_N, \mathbf{e}_i) \rightarrow (\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{e}_i) \text{ as } N \rightarrow \infty$$

(ii) $\Rightarrow$ (iii). Use orthogonality of  $\mathbf{e}_i$  to learn that

$$(\mathbf{u}_N, \mathbf{v}_N) = \sum_{i=1}^N u_i \bar{v}_i = \sum_{i=1}^N (\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{e}_i) \overline{(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{e}_i)} \rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{e}_i) \overline{(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{e}_i)}$$

(iii) $\Rightarrow$ (iv). Substitute  $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{u}$ .

(iv) $\Rightarrow$ (i). Suppose, to the contrary, the  $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \dots\}$  can be extended with a vector  $\mathbf{u} \neq \mathbf{0}$  to a bigger orthonormal family. Then  $\mathbf{u}$  is orthogonal with each  $\mathbf{e}_i$  and, by property (iv),  $\|\mathbf{u}\| = 0$ . So  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$ , a contradiction.

5. Consider an elementary boundary-value problem:

$$\begin{cases} u(0) = 0 \\ u' + u = f \end{cases}$$

Use elementary means (variation of a constant) to derive the explicit formula for the solution,

$$u(x) = \int_0^x e^{(s-x)} f(s) ds.$$

Use the formula then to demonstrate that the operator

$$A : L^2(0, 1) \supset D(A) \rightarrow L^2(0, 1)$$

where

$$D(A) = \{u \in H^1(0, 1) : u(0) = 0\}, \quad Au := u' + u$$

is bounded below. (10 points).

The first part is elementary. The second follows from Cauchy-Schwarz inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 |u(x)| dx &= \int_0^1 \left| \int_0^x e^{(s-x)} f(s) ds \right|^2 dx \\ &\leq \int_0^1 \int_0^x \underbrace{|e^{(s-x)}|^2}_{\leq e^2} \int_0^1 |f(s)|^2 ds dx \\ &\leq \frac{e^2}{2} \int_0^1 |f(s)|^2 ds \end{aligned}$$

6. Analyze well posedness of the variational problem;

$$\begin{cases} u \in H^1(0, 1), u(0) = 0 \\ \int_0^1 (u' + u)v dx = \int_0^1 f v dx \quad \forall v \in L^2(0, 1) \end{cases}$$

*Hint:* Use the result from the previous problem. (15 points)

Check the assumptions of Babuška- Nečas Theorem. The only non-trivial condition is the inf-sup condition. But this follows from the previous problem. Indeed,

$$\sup_v \frac{|\int_0^1 (u' + u)v|}{\|v\|_{L^2}} = \|u' + u\|_{L^2} \geq c \|u\|_{L^2}$$

At the same time,

$$\|u'\|_{L^2} \leq \|u' + u\|_{L^2} + \|u\|_{L^2} \leq (1 + c^{-1}) \|u' + u\|_{L^2}$$

Combining the two inequalities, we prove the inf-sup condition.