

1. Let $X \neq 0$ be a real or complex linear space. Prove that there is at least one norm on X .
Hint. Every linear space has a basis.

2. Given a function $p : X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ with the properties

a) $p(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$

b) $p(\lambda x) = |\lambda|p(x)$ for all $x \in X$ and $\lambda \in K$.

Show that p is a norm if and only if $B_X = \{x \in X : p(x) \leq 1\}$ is convex.
(i.e., The triangle axiom and the convexity of the closed unit ball are equivalent)

3. Let $a > 0$. On $C[0, 1]$ consider the following norms:

$$\|f\|_\infty = \sup_{t \in [0, 1]} |f(t)|$$

$$\|f\|_1 = a \int_0^1 |f(t)| dt.$$

Prove that $\|f\| = \min\{\|f\|_\infty, \|f\|_1\}$ is a norm on $C[0, 1]$ if and only if $a \leq 1$.

This problem shows minimum of two norms is not a norm in general. Show that maximum of two norms is indeed a norm.

4. Let $X = \mathfrak{M}_{n,m}(\mathbb{R})$ be the real vector space of $n \times m$ matrices with real entries. Given $A, B \in \mathfrak{M}_{n,m}(\mathbb{R})$, set

$$(A, B) = \text{tr}(A^t B)$$

where by “tr” we mean the trace of a square matrix. i.e., the sum of the entries lying in the diagonal.

a) Show that (\cdot, \cdot) is an inner product on $\mathfrak{M}_{n,m}(\mathbb{R})$.

b) Deduce that $A \mapsto \|A\| = \sqrt{\text{tr}(A^t A)}$ is a norm on X .

5. Show that every Hilbert space is uniformly convex.

A normed linear space is said to be **uniformly convex** if for every $\epsilon > 0$ there exists a $\delta = \delta(\epsilon) > 0$ independent of x and y such that $\|x\| \leq 1$, $\|y\| \leq 1$, $\|x - y\| \geq \epsilon$ implies $\|\frac{1}{2}(x + y)\| \leq 1 - \delta$.

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a) Suppose f is supported on a set E of finite measure. If $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$, then show that $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and that

$$\|f\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq m(E)^{\frac{1}{2}} \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)}$$

b) If $|f(x)| \leq M$ (f is bounded) and $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$, then $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ and that

$$\|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)} \leq M^{\frac{1}{2}} \|f\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

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7. Show that $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is **separable**. i.e., There exists a countable dense set in $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

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