

MATH 528 A MIDTERM

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- (1) Let X be a vector space over \mathbb{C} . A mapping $s : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is called a *sesquilinear form* on X if:
for all $x, y, z \in X$ and $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$,

$$s(x, \alpha y + \beta z) = \alpha s(x, y) + \beta s(x, z)$$

and

$$s(\alpha x + \beta y, z) = \overline{\alpha} s(x, z) + \overline{\beta} s(y, z).$$

Given such a sesquilinear form on X , the mapping $q : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ defined by setting

$$q(x) = s(x, x) \quad \text{for each } x \in X,$$

is called the *quadratic form* induced by s . Prove that each sesquilinear form is uniquely determined by its quadratic form.

- (2) Let \mathcal{H} be a Hilbert space. For any integer $n \geq 2$ and any collection $\{f_j\}_{j=1}^n \subset \mathcal{H}$, the *Gram determinant* of $\{f_j\}_{j=1}^n$ is defined by setting

$$D(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n) = \det(\langle f_j, f_k \rangle),$$

i.e., the determinant of the matrix A whose entries $a_{jk} = \langle f_j, f_k \rangle$ are the corresponding inner-products. Prove that $D(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n) \geq 0$ with equality if and only if the collection $\{f_j\}_{j=1}^n$ are linearly dependent. Note: The case of $n = 1$ is silly; I didn't even include it. The case $n = 2$ should be familiar. The rest follows.

- (3) Let X be a normed space over \mathbb{R} . For any bounded subset $M \subset X$, define the *support function* $S_M : X^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by setting

$$S_M(f) = \sup_{x \in M} f(x).$$

Prove that S_M is:

- a) *Sub-additive*: i.e., for all $f, g \in X^*$, $S_M(f + g) \leq S_M(f) + S_M(g)$.
b) *Monotonic*: i.e., for $M \subset N$, $S_M(f) \leq S_N(f)$ and *Additive*: i.e., $S_{N+M} = S_N + S_M$.

- c) Show that $S_{\overline{M}} = S_M$ where \overline{M} is the closure of M .
- d) Show that $S_{L(M)} = S_M$ where $L(M)$ is the set of all finite, convex combinations of elements of M .
- (4) Let X be a vector space over \mathbb{C} with a metric. Let $F \subset X$ be relatively compact. Prove Arzelá, i.e. the analogue of Theorem 4.3.1, for any set $M \subset C(F)$.
- (5) Consider the Hilbert space $\mathcal{H} = L^2([0, 1])$. Let $A : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$ be given by
- $$[Af](t) = t \cdot f(t) \quad \text{for all } f \in \mathcal{H}.$$
- Prove that $\sigma(A) = [0, 1]$. In fact, show that $\sigma(A) = [0, 1] = \sigma_c(A)$.