

Takehome Exam, MATH 515, Spring 09

Problem 1) (75 pts) For $a < b$ let $W[a, b]$ be the vector space of continuously differentiable functions on $[a, b]$ with values in \mathbb{C} . For $f, g \in W[a, b]$ let

$$\langle f, g \rangle_W := \int_a^b (f(t)\overline{g(t)} + f'(t)\overline{g'(t)})dt$$

and $\|f\|_W := \sqrt{\langle f, f \rangle_W}$.

(a) Show that $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_W$ defines a positive definite hermitian form on $W[a, b]$, and thus $\|\cdot\|_W$ is a norm on $W[a, b]$.

(b) Consider $W[0, 1]$. Let $\chi_n \in W[0, 1]$ be defined by $\chi_n(t) := e^{2\pi int}$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $0 \leq t \leq 1$. Prove that $\langle \chi_n, \chi_m \rangle_W = 0$ when $n \neq m$, and $\|\chi_n - \chi_m\|_W = \sqrt{2 + 4\pi^2(n^2 + m^2)}$.

(c) Prove that in $W[0, 1]$

$$\langle f, \cosh \rangle_W = f(1) \sinh(1)$$

and deduce that

$$\{f \in W[0, 1] : f(1) = 0\}$$

is a closed subspace of $W[0, 1]$.

(d) Prove that $W[a, b]$ is not a Hilbert space. Hint: Consider indefinite integrals of the sequence of functions $f_n(t) = 0$ for $t \leq \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{n}$, $f_n(t) = 1$ for $t \geq \frac{1}{2}$ and the graph of $f_n(t)$ is the line joining $(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{n}, 0)$ and $(\frac{1}{2}, 1)$ for $t \in [\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{2}]$.

Problem 3) (75 pts) page 108, Chapter V, §6, Exercise 8. The formula in (b) should be:

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \frac{1}{2}(|x + y|^2 - |x|^2 - |y|^2) + i\frac{1}{2}(|x + iy|^2 - |x|^2 - |y|^2)$$

Problem 3) (Bonus Problem 50 pts) page 108, Chapter V, §6, Exercise 7