



# Advanced Functional Analysis

## Problem Sheet 6

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You are required to present Problems 6.2, 6.4, 6.5, 6.6, 6.7, 6.9. The rest of the problems will not be marked, but I recommend doing them as a preparation for the final exam.

I will refer to the following books:

- Haim Brezis, *Functional Analysis, Sobolev Spaces and Partial Differential Equations*, 2011, Springer-Verlag New York.
- John B. Conway, *A Course in Functional Analysis* (Second Edition), 1990, Springer.
- Walter Rudin, *Functional Analysis* (Second Edition), 1991, McGraw-Hill.

### Locally convex spaces

Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|_X)$  be a real normed space and let  $X^*$  be its dual, taken with respect to the norm of  $X$ . Then  $X^*$  is a normed space with  $\|\Lambda\|_{X^*} := \sup\{|\Lambda x| : \|x\| \leq 1\}$  for  $\Lambda \in X^*$ . Recall that, since the field  $\mathbb{R}$  is complete,  $X^*$  is a Banach space (Conway III.5.4). Let  $X^{**}$  be the dual of  $X^*$ , taken with respect to the operator norm of  $X^*$ . We equip  $X^{**}$  with the operator norm  $\|T\|_{X^{**}} := \sup\{|T\Lambda| : \|\Lambda\|_{X^*} \leq 1\}$  for  $T \in X^{**}$ . Recall that the canonical embedding  $J: X \rightarrow X^{**}$  is defined by  $J(x)\Lambda := \Lambda x$  for  $\Lambda \in X^*$ . We have that  $J$  is an isometry, that is,  $\|J(x)\|_{X^{**}} = \|x\|_X$  for all  $x \in X$  (Conway III.6.7).

**Convergences on normed spaces:** Let  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset X$  be a sequence and  $x \in X$ . We say that  $x_n \rightarrow x$  strongly if  $\|x_n - x\|_X \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . We say that  $x_n \rightarrow x$  weakly if  $\Lambda x_n \rightarrow \Lambda x$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for each  $\Lambda \in X^*$ . Let  $\{\Lambda_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset X^*$  be a sequence and  $\Lambda \in X^*$ . We say that  $\Lambda_n \xrightarrow{*} \Lambda$  weakly\* if  $\Lambda_n x \rightarrow \Lambda x$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $x \in X$ . Notice that, since  $X^*$  is a normed space, we can also consider the strong convergence with respect to  $\|\cdot\|_{X^*}$  and the weak convergence induced by  $X^{**}$ .

**Extremal points:** Let  $X$  be a real vector space and let  $K \subset X$  be a convex subset. We say that  $a \in K$  is an *extremal point* of  $K$  if the following condition holds:

$$\text{if } a = \lambda x_1 + (1 - \lambda)x_2 \text{ for } \lambda \in (0, 1), x_1, x_2 \in K \text{ then } x_1 = x_2.$$

In other words,  $a \in K$  is an extremal point if it does not lie in the interior of any open segment contained in  $K$ . We denote by  $\text{ext}(K)$  the set of extremal points of  $K$ . For an arbitrary set  $E \subset X$  we define its *convex hull* by

$$\text{co}(E) := \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j x_j : n \in \mathbb{N}, x_1, \dots, x_n \in E, \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j = 1 \right\},$$

that is, the set of all convex combinations of points of  $E$ .

**Theorem (Krein-Milman):** Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a LCS. Assume that  $K \subset X$  is non-empty, convex and compact with respect to  $\tau$ . Then

$$\text{ext}(K) \neq \emptyset \quad \text{and} \quad K = \overline{\text{co}(\text{ext}(K))}$$

where the closure is taken with respect to  $\tau$ .

**Problem 6.1.** Let  $X$  be a real normed space and let  $\Lambda_n, \Lambda \in X^*$  and  $x_n, x \in X$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

a) Show the following implications between convergences in  $X^*$ :

- i) if  $\Lambda_n \rightarrow \Lambda$  strongly then  $\Lambda_n \rightharpoonup \Lambda$  weakly,
- ii) if  $\Lambda_n \rightharpoonup \Lambda$  weakly then  $\Lambda_n \xrightarrow{*} \Lambda$  weakly\*.

*Hint:* Use the canonical embedding  $J$ .

b) Assume in addition that  $X$  is reflexive. Prove that in  $X^*$  we have that  $\Lambda_n \rightharpoonup \Lambda$  weakly if and only if  $\Lambda_n \xrightarrow{*} \Lambda$  weakly\*.

*Hint:* In this case, by definition, the canonical embedding  $J$  is surjective.

c) Prove that weak\* limits in  $X^*$  and weak limits in  $X$  are unique.

*Hint:* Use one of the corollaries of the Hahn-Banach Theorem (Conway III.6.8, Pag 79).

d) Assume that  $x_n \rightharpoonup x$  weakly in  $X$ . Show that  $x_n$  is norm bounded, that is,  $\sup_n \|x_n\|_X < \infty$ .

*Hint:* Use  $J$  and the Principle of Uniform Boundedness (Conway III.14.1, Pag 95).

e) Assume in addition that  $X$  is a Banach space. Show that if  $\Lambda_n \xrightarrow{*} \Lambda$  then  $\sup_n \|\Lambda_n\|_{X^*} < \infty$ .

*Hint:* Use the Principle of Uniform Boundedness.

**Problem 6.2 (15 pts).**

a) Let  $X$  be a real normed space and  $K := \{x \in X : \|x\| \leq 1\}$  its (convex) unit ball. Show that

$$\text{ext}(K) \subset \{x \in X : \|x\| = 1\}.$$

b) Let  $X = L^1(0, 1)$ ,  $K := \{f \in L^1(0, 1) : \|f\|_1 \leq 1\}$ , where  $\|f\|_1 := \int_0^1 |f(x)| dx$ . Prove that

$$\text{ext}(K) = \emptyset.$$

*Hint:* If  $f \in L^1(0, 1)$  the function  $\Psi : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $\Psi(x) := \int_0^x |f(t)| dt$  is continuous and non-decreasing.

c) By using point (b) and Krein-Milman, prove that  $L^1(0, 1)$  is not the dual of a Banach space.

*Hint:* Banach-Alaoglu (Conway V.3.1, Pag 130).

## Distributions

Let  $d \in \mathbb{N}, d \geq 1$  and  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  be open and non-empty. We denote by  $\mathcal{D}(\Omega)$  the set of  $C^\infty(\Omega)$  functions with compact support. The space  $\mathcal{D}(\Omega)$  is endowed with a topology  $\tau$  which makes it into a complete LCS (Rudin 6.2). If  $\phi_n, \phi \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$ , we have that  $\phi_n \rightarrow \phi$  with respect to  $\tau$  if and only if there exists a compact set  $K \subset \Omega$  such that  $\text{supp } \phi_n \subset K$  for all  $n$  and

$$D^\alpha \phi_n \rightarrow D^\alpha \phi \quad \text{uniformly on } K \quad \text{for all } \alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^d,$$

where  $D^\alpha := \partial_{x_1}^{\alpha_1} \dots \partial_{x_d}^{\alpha_d}$  (Rudin 6.5). We recall that the order of  $\partial^\alpha$  is  $|\alpha| := \sum_{i=1}^d \alpha_i$ . The linear differential operator  $D^\alpha : \mathcal{D}(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$  is continuous (Rudin 6.6). The space of distributions over  $\Omega$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{D}(\Omega)^*$  and it is defined as the set of linear operators  $\Lambda : \mathcal{D}(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  which are  $\tau$ -continuous. For a linear operator  $\Lambda : \mathcal{D}(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  the following conditions are equivalent:

- i)  $\Lambda \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega)^*$ ,
- ii)  $\Lambda \phi_n \rightarrow 0$  whenever  $\phi_n \rightarrow 0$  in  $\mathcal{D}(\Omega)$ ,
- iii) For each compact set  $K \subset \Omega$  there exist constants  $N \in \mathbb{N}_0, C > 0$  such that

$$|\Lambda \phi| \leq C \|\phi\|_{K,N} \quad \text{for all } \phi \in \mathcal{D}_K, \quad (1)$$

where  $\mathcal{D}_K := \{\phi \in C^\infty(\Omega) : \text{supp } \phi \subset K\}$  and

$$\|\phi\|_{K,N} := \max\{|\partial^\alpha \phi(x)| : x \in K, \alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^d, |\alpha| \leq N\},$$

(Rudin 6.6 and 6.8). If the constant  $N$  in (1) is independent on  $K$ , we call the smallest  $N$  with such property the *order* of  $\Lambda$ .

For  $f \in L^1_{\text{loc}}(\Omega)$  we define the distribution  $\Lambda_f$  via

$$\Lambda_f(\phi) := \int_{\Omega} f(x) \phi(x) dx \quad \text{for all } \phi \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega).$$

Also, for  $p \in \Omega$  define the delta distribution at  $p$  by  $\delta_p(\phi) := \phi(p)$  for each  $\phi \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$ .

**Derivatives:** If  $\Lambda \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega)^*$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^d$  the  $\alpha$ -derivative of  $\Lambda$  is the linear operator  $\partial^\alpha \Lambda: \mathcal{D}(\Omega) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$(\partial^\alpha \Lambda)(\phi) := (-1)^{|\alpha|} \Lambda(\partial^\alpha \phi) \quad \text{for all } \phi \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega).$$

We have that  $\partial^\alpha \Lambda \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega)^*$  (Rudin 6.12). Notice that  $\partial^\alpha \Lambda_f = \Lambda_{\partial^\alpha f}$  whenever  $f$  is regular and  $f, \partial^\alpha f \in L^1_{\text{loc}}(\Omega)$ .

**Supports:** Let  $\Lambda \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega)^*$ . If  $\omega \subset \Omega$  is an open set, we say that  $\Lambda = 0$  in  $\omega$  if  $\Lambda\phi = 0$  for all  $\phi \in \mathcal{D}(\omega)$ . We define  $W$  as the union of all the open sets  $\omega \subset \Omega$  such that  $\Lambda = 0$  in  $\omega$ . The support of  $\Lambda$  is then defined by

$$\text{supp } \Lambda := \Omega \setminus W.$$

If  $\text{supp } \Lambda$  is compact, then  $\Lambda$  has finite order and it extends in a unique way to a linear continuous functional on  $C^\infty(\Omega)$  (Rudin 6.24). Also recall the following structure theorem (Rudin 6.25):

**Theorem 1.** Let  $\Lambda \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega)^*$  be such that  $\text{supp } \Lambda \subset \{p\}$  for some  $p \in \Omega$ . Then there exist  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  and coefficients  $c_\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  for each  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^d$ ,  $|\alpha| \leq N$  such that

$$\Lambda = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq N} c_\alpha \partial^\alpha \delta_p \quad \text{in } \mathcal{D}(\Omega)^*.$$

**Multiplication:** Let  $f \in C^\infty(\Omega)$  and  $\Lambda \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega)^*$ . Their multiplication is the distribution  $f\Lambda$  defined by

$$(f\Lambda)(\phi) := \Lambda(f\phi) \quad \text{for all } \phi \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega).$$

**Limits:** For  $\Lambda_n \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega)^*$  we say that  $\Lambda_n \rightarrow \Lambda$  in the sense of distributions if for each  $\phi \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega)$  the limit

$$\lim_n \Lambda_n \phi = \Lambda \phi \tag{2}$$

exists and is finite. Whenever (2) is satisfied for some linear functional  $\Lambda$ , then automatically  $\Lambda \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega)^*$  (Rudin 6.17). If  $f_n \in L^1_{\text{loc}}(\Omega)$ ,  $\Lambda \in \mathcal{D}(\Omega)^*$ , we write  $f_n \rightarrow \Lambda$  in place of  $\Lambda_{f_n} \rightarrow \Lambda$ .

**Convolution 1:** Let  $\Lambda \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^d)^*$ ,  $\phi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . Introduce the translation and reflection operators

$$(\tau_x \phi)(y) := f(y - x), \quad \check{\phi}(y) := \phi(-y) \quad \text{for } y \in \mathbb{R}^d,$$

where  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$  is fixed. The *convolution* between  $\Lambda$  and  $\phi$  is the map  $\Lambda \star \phi: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$(\Lambda \star \phi)(x) := \Lambda(\tau_x \check{\phi}) \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}^d. \tag{3}$$

It is important that  $\phi$  is compactly supported for the definition to make sense. Notice that, if  $f \in L^1_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and  $\Lambda = \Lambda_f$ , then (5) coincides with the classical definition, since

$$(\Lambda_f \star \phi)(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(y) (\tau_x \check{\phi})(y) dy = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(y) \phi(x - y) dy = (f \star \phi)(x)$$

Motivated by the equality

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} (\tau_x f)(y) \phi(y) dy = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(y) (\tau_{-x} \phi)(y) dy,$$

we also define the translation of  $\Lambda$  by  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$  as the linear functional  $\tau_x \Lambda: \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^d) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$(\tau_x \Lambda)(\phi) := \Lambda(\tau_{-x} \phi) \quad \text{for all } \phi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^d). \tag{4}$$

**Convolution 2:** Assume that  $\Lambda \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^d)^*$  has compact support and that  $\phi \in C^\infty(\Omega)$ . Since  $\Lambda$  extends to a linear continuous functional on  $C^\infty(\Omega)$ , it makes sense to define  $\Lambda \star \phi: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by

$$(\Lambda \star \phi)(x) := \Lambda(\tau_x \check{\phi}) \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}^d, \tag{5}$$

in the same way we did in (5).

**Problem 6.3.** Let  $\Lambda \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^d)^*$  and  $\phi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ .

- a) Show that  $\tau_x \Lambda$  belongs to  $\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^d)^*$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , where  $\tau_x$  is defined at (4).  
 b) Prove that

$$\tau_x(\Lambda \star \phi) = (\tau_x \Lambda) \star \phi = \Lambda \star (\tau_x \phi)$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ .

- c) Show that  $\Lambda \star \phi \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and that for each  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}_0^d$

$$D^\alpha(\Lambda \star \phi) = (D^\alpha \Lambda) \star \phi = \Lambda \star (D^\alpha \phi).$$

- d) Let  $\rho_n \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  be a sequence of mollifiers, that is,  $\rho_n \geq 0$ ,  $\text{supp } \rho_n \subset B_{1/n}(0)$ ,  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \rho_n dx = 1$ . Prove that

$$\lim_n \Lambda \star \rho_n = \Lambda \quad \text{in } \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^d)^*.$$

*Hint:* Use that  $\Lambda \star (\phi \star \psi) = (\Lambda \star \phi) \star \psi$  for all  $\Lambda \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^d)^*$ ,  $\phi, \psi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ .

- e) Assume in addition that  $\Lambda$  is compactly supported and let  $\psi \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . Prove that the claims in points (b) and (c) hold for  $\Lambda \star \psi$ .  
 f) Assume in addition that  $\Lambda$  is compactly supported. Prove that  $\Lambda \star \phi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ .

**Problem 6.4 (15 pts).**

- a) Let  $\delta \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R})^*$  be the Dirac distribution at 0, that is,  $\delta(\phi) := \phi(0)$  for all  $\phi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R})$ . For each  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m \geq 0$ , characterize the set

$$A_m = \{f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}) : f \delta^{(m)} = 0 \text{ in } \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R})^*\}.$$

- b) Give an example of  $f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\Lambda \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R})^*$  such that  $f = 0$  on  $\text{supp } \Lambda$  but  $f \Lambda \neq 0$ .  
 c) Fix  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m \geq 1$ . Show that they are equivalent:

- i)  $x^m \Lambda = 0$  in  $\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R})^*$ ,  
 ii) There exist  $c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{m-1} \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\Lambda = \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} c_k \delta^{(k)}$ .

*Hint:* If  $x^m \Lambda = 0$ , first prove that  $\text{supp } \Lambda \subset \{0\}$ . Then you can use Theorem 1. It is useful to notice that, since  $\Lambda$  is compactly supported, you can test against functions in  $C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ .

**Problem 6.5 (20 pts).** Suppose that  $f \in L^1((-\infty, -\varepsilon) \cup (\varepsilon, \infty))$  for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ . The principal value integral of  $f$  is defined by

$$\text{PV} \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x) dx := \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\{|x| \geq \varepsilon\}} f(x) dx$$

whenever the limits exists (finite). Here  $\{|x| \geq \varepsilon\}$  is a shorthand for  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \geq \varepsilon \text{ or } x \leq -\varepsilon\}$ . For  $\phi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R})$  define

$$\left( \text{PV} \frac{1}{x} \right) (\phi) := \text{PV} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{\phi(x)}{x} dx.$$

- a) Prove that  $\text{PV} \frac{1}{x}$  is well defined, that it belongs to  $\mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R})^*$  and that its order is at most 1.

*Hint:* Notice that  $1/x$  is anti-symmetric, therefore  $\int_{\{|x| \geq \varepsilon\}} x^{-1} dx = 0$ .

- b) Prove that  $\text{PV} \frac{1}{x}$  is a distribution of order 1.

*Hint:* We already know that the order is at most 1. Assume by contradiction that the order is 0, so that for any  $K \subset \mathbb{R}$  compact there exists  $C > 0$  such that  $|\left(\text{PV} \frac{1}{x}\right)(\phi)| \leq C \|\phi\|_{K,0}$  for all  $\phi \in \mathcal{D}_K$ . Take  $K = [0, 1]$  and produce a sequence  $\phi_n \in \mathcal{D}_K$  such such that  $0 \leq \phi_n \leq 1$ , which makes the previous estimate fail.

c) Show that, in the sense of distributions,

$$(\log |x|)' = \text{PV} \frac{1}{x}.$$

d) Show that for all  $\phi \in \mathcal{D}(\mathbb{R})$

$$\left( \text{PV} \frac{1}{x} \right)' (\phi) = - \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\{|x| \geq \varepsilon\}} \frac{\phi(x) - \phi(0)}{x^2} dx.$$

## Compact operators and spectral theory

For a Banach space  $X$  we denote by  $B_X$  its unit ball, that is,  $B_X := \{x \in X : \|x\|_X \leq 1\}$ . If  $Y$  is another Banach space, we denote by  $\mathcal{L}(X, Y)$  the space of linear continuous operators  $T: X \rightarrow Y$ . Recall that  $\mathcal{L}(X, Y)$  is a Banach space with the operator norm. We also denote  $\mathcal{L}(X) := \mathcal{L}(X, X)$ .

**Compact operators:** Let  $X, Y$  be Banach spaces and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ . We say that  $T$  is a *compact operator* if the closure of  $T(B_X)$  is compact in  $Y$ . We denote the space of compact operators from  $X$  to  $Y$  by  $\mathcal{K}(X, Y)$ . Also we denote  $\mathcal{K}(X) := \mathcal{K}(X, X)$ .

**Finite rank:** Let  $X, Y$  be Banach spaces and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ . We say that  $T$  has *finite rank* if  $T(X)$  is finite dimensional.

**Adjoint:** Let  $X, Y$  be Banach spaces and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ . The *adjoint* of  $T$  is the linear operator  $T^*: Y^* \rightarrow X^*$  defined by

$$\langle T^* y^*, x \rangle_{X^*, X} = \langle y^*, Tx \rangle_{Y^*, Y} \quad \text{for all } x \in X, y^* \in Y^*.$$

It is well-known that  $T^* \in \mathcal{L}(Y^*, X^*)$ , with  $\|T\| = \|T^*\|$ .

**Theorem 2** (Brezis 6.1, 6.4): Let  $X, Y, Z$  be Banach spaces,  $T \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ ,  $S \in \mathcal{L}(Y, Z)$ . Then:

- i)  $T \in \mathcal{K}(X, Y)$  if and only if  $T^* \in \mathcal{K}(Y^*, X^*)$ ,
- ii) If  $T$  has finite rank, then  $T \in \mathcal{K}(X, Y)$ ,
- iii)  $\mathcal{K}(X, Y)$  is a closed subspace of  $\mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ : if  $T_n \in \mathcal{K}(X, Y)$ ,  $\|T_n - T\| \rightarrow 0$  then  $T \in \mathcal{K}(X, Y)$ ,
- iv) If  $T \in \mathcal{K}(X, Y)$  or  $S \in \mathcal{K}(X, Y)$ , then  $ST \in \mathcal{K}(X, Z)$ .

**Theorem 3** (Riesz's Lemma, Brezis 6.1): Let  $X$  be a normed space, and  $M \subset X$  a closed subspace with  $M \neq X$ . Then for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $\|x\| = 1$  and  $\text{dist}(x, M) \geq 1 - \varepsilon$ .

**Spectral theory:** Let  $X$  be a Banach space,  $T \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ . The *resolvent* set of  $T$  is defined by

$$\rho(T) := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{R} : T - \lambda I \text{ is bijective from } X \text{ onto } X\},$$

where  $I$  denotes the identity operator from  $X$  into itself. The *spectrum* of  $T$  is

$$\sigma(T) := \mathbb{R} \setminus \rho(T).$$

We say that  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  is an *eigenvalue* of  $T$  if  $\ker(T - \lambda I) \neq \{0\}$ . We denote by  $\text{EV}(T)$  the set of eigenvalues of  $T$ . For  $\lambda \in \text{EV}(T)$ , the corresponding *eigenspace* is  $\ker(T - \lambda I)$ . Notice that  $\text{EV}(T) \subset \sigma(T)$ , but they are not equal in general.

**Theorem 4** (Brezis 6.7, 6.8): Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(X)$ . Then  $\sigma(T)$  is a compact set,  $\sigma(T) = \sigma(T^*)$  and

$$\sigma(T) \subset [-\|T\|, \|T\|].$$

Assume in addition that  $X$  is infinite dimensional and  $T \in \mathcal{K}(X)$ . Then

- i)  $0 \in \sigma(T)$ ,
- ii)  $\sigma(T) \setminus \{0\} = \text{EV}(T) \setminus \{0\}$ ,
- iii) Either  $\sigma(T) = \{0\}$ , or  $\sigma(T) \setminus \{0\}$  is a finite set, or  $\sigma(T) \setminus \{0\} = \{\lambda_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  with  $\lambda_n \rightarrow 0$ .

**Relative compactness in  $C(X)$ :** Assume that  $(X, d)$  is a compact metric space. We denote by  $C(X)$  the space of continuous functions  $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $C(X)$  is a Banach space with the supremum norm  $\|f\|_\infty := \sup_{x \in X} |f(x)|$ . For a family  $\mathcal{A} \subset C(X)$  we say that  $\mathcal{A}$  is *uniformly bounded* if there exists a constant  $M > 0$  such that

$$\sup_{x \in X} |f(x)| \leq M \quad \text{for all } f \in \mathcal{A}.$$

We say that  $\mathcal{A}$  is *equicontinuous* if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  (depending only on  $\varepsilon$ ) with the following property:

for all  $x, y \in X$  such that  $d(x, y) < \delta$ , it follows that  $|f(x) - f(y)| < \varepsilon$  for all  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ .

A characterization of relative compactness in  $C(X)$  is given by the following:

**Theorem 5 (Ascoli-Arzelà):** Let  $(X, d)$  be a compact metric space. Let  $\mathcal{A} \subset C(X)$ . They are equivalent:

- i) The closure of  $\mathcal{A}$  is compact in  $C(X)$  (with respect to the supremum norm);
- ii)  $\mathcal{A}$  is uniformly bounded and equicontinuous;
- iii) each sequence  $\{f_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of elements of  $\mathcal{A}$  admits a subsequence converging uniformly.

**Relative compactness in  $L^p$ :** Let  $d \in \mathbb{N}, d \geq 1$ . For a map  $f: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  we define its translation by  $h \in \mathbb{R}^d$  as the new map  $\tau_h f: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $(\tau_h f)(x) := f(x - h)$ . The following theorem is a version of Ascoli-Arzelà for  $L^p$  spaces.

**Theorem 6 (Fréchet-Kolmogorov):** Let  $1 \leq p < \infty$  and consider a family  $\mathcal{A} \subset L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . Suppose that  $\mathcal{A}$  is bounded, that is,

$$\sup_{f \in \mathcal{A}} \|f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)} < +\infty.$$

Moreover assume that

$$\lim_{|h| \rightarrow 0} \|\tau_h f - f\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^d)} = 0 \quad \text{uniformly in } f \in \mathcal{A}$$

that is, for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\|\tau_h f - f\|_{L^p} < \varepsilon$  for all  $f \in \mathcal{A}, h \in \mathbb{R}^d$  with  $|h| < \delta$ . Then the closure of  $\mathcal{A}|_\Omega$  in  $L^p(\Omega)$  is compact for any Lebesgue measurable set  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  with  $|\Omega| < \infty$ .

In the above theorem we denote by  $\mathcal{A}|_\Omega$  the restriction to  $\Omega$  of functions in  $\mathcal{A}$ .

**Problem 6.6 (10 pts).**

- a) Let  $X$  be a normed space. Show that the identity map  $I: X \rightarrow X$  is compact if and only if  $\dim X < +\infty$ .

*Hint:* Riesz Lemma (Theorem 3).

- b) Consider  $C^1[0, 1]$  equipped with the norm  $\|f\|_{C^1} := \|f\|_\infty + \|f'\|_\infty$  and  $C[0, 1]$  equipped with the supremum norm. Prove that the identity  $I: C^1[0, 1] \rightarrow C[0, 1]$  is continuous and compact.

*Hint:* Use Theorem 5.

**Problem 6.7 (10 pts).** Let  $H$  be a real Hilbert space and  $T \in \mathcal{L}(H)$ . Let  $x_n, x \in H$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

- a) Show that  $x_n \rightarrow x$  strongly in  $H$  if and only if

$$x_n \rightharpoonup x \text{ weakly in } H \text{ and } \|x_n\|_H \rightarrow \|x\|_H.$$

- b) Show that  $T \in \mathcal{K}(H)$  if and only if the following condition holds:

$$\text{If } x_n \rightharpoonup x \text{ weakly in } H, \text{ then } Tx_n \rightarrow Tx \text{ strongly in } H.$$

*Hint:* Since  $H$  is reflexive,  $T(B_H)$  is closed (see Problem 6.8 Point (c)).

**Problem 6.8.**

- a) Let  $X, Y$  be normed spaces,  $T \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ . Assume there exists a constant  $c > 0$  such that

$$\|Tx\|_Y \geq c\|x\|_X \quad \text{for all } x \in X.$$

Show that  $T$  is compact if and only if  $\dim X < +\infty$ .

- b) Let  $X$  be a Banach space with  $\dim X = +\infty$  and let  $T \in \mathcal{K}(X)$ . Show that  $T$  cannot be surjective, that is, there exists  $y \in X$  such that the equation

$$Tx = y$$

has no solution in  $X$ .

- c) Let  $X, Y$  be Banach spaces and assume that  $X$  is reflexive. Let  $T \in \mathcal{L}(X, Y)$  and  $M \subset X$  be closed, convex and bounded.

i) Show that  $T(M)$  is closed in  $Y$ .

ii) In addition, assume that  $T \in \mathcal{K}(X, Y)$ . Show that  $T(M)$  is compact.

- d) Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space and  $T \in \mathcal{K}(H)$ . Show that  $T$  attains its norm, that is, there exists  $\hat{x} \in H$  such that  $\|\hat{x}\| \leq 1$  and  $\|T\| = \|T\hat{x}\|$ .

**Problem 6.9 (30 pts).** Consider the space  $C[0, 1]$  equipped with the supremum norm and let  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ . Define the linear operator  $T: L^p(0, 1) \rightarrow L^p(0, 1)$  by

$$(Tf)(x) := \int_0^x f(t) dt \quad \text{for } x \in [0, 1].$$

Also consider the linear operator  $S: C[0, 1] \rightarrow C[0, 1]$  defined by  $Sf := Tf$  for  $f \in C[0, 1]$ .

- a) Prove that  $S$  is bounded and compute  $\|S\|$ .

- b) Let  $B := \{f \in C[0, 1] : \|f\|_\infty \leq 1\}$ . Prove that  $S(B)$  is not closed.

*Hint:* Notice that  $Sf \in C^1[0, 1]$  for all  $f \in C[0, 1]$ . Therefore construct a sequence  $f_n \in B$  such that  $Sf_n \rightarrow g$  uniformly but  $g \notin C^1[0, 1]$ .

- c) Prove that  $S$  is compact.

- d) Prove that  $T$  is bounded for all  $p \in [1, \infty]$  and compute its adjoint  $T^*$ .

- e) Prove that  $T$  is compact for each  $p \in [1, \infty]$ .

*Hint:* For  $1 < p \leq \infty$  use the fact that  $Tf \in C[0, 1]$ . Therefore if you show compactness in  $C[0, 1]$  (by employing Theorem 5), you also have it in  $L^p(0, 1)$ . For  $p = 1$  you do not have compactness in  $C[0, 1]$  (see point (g)), but you can still prove compactness in  $L^1(0, 1)$  by means of Theorem 6.

- f) Compute  $\sigma(T)$ ,  $\text{EV}(T)$  and  $\rho(T)$ .

*Hint:* Try to compute  $\text{EV}(T)$  first. Remember that if  $f \in L^p(0, 1)$ , then its primitive is Sobolev (see Problem 2.3). By a bootstrap argument you can infer regularity of the eigenvectors.

- g) Show that  $T: L^1(0, 1) \rightarrow C[0, 1]$  is not compact.

*Hint:* Consider  $f_n(x) := n\chi_{(0, 1/n)}(x)$ .