

PhD Qualifying Exam for Functional Analysis September 2007

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- (10 pts) Let X be a compact Hausdorff space. We say that a linear functional Λ on $C(X)$ is positive if $\Lambda f \geq 0$ whenever $f \geq 0$. Show that Λ is bounded if Λ is positive.
- (15pts) Let X be a Banach space and T be a linear operator on X such that X is the closed span of $\{x, Tx, T^2x, \dots\}$ for some $x \in X$. Show that if $\dim X < \infty$, then an operator S on X commutes with T if and only if $S = p(T)$ for some polynomial p . Does the conclusion hold if $\dim(X) = \infty$?
- (15pts) Let X be a Banach space and T be a linear operator on X . Show that T is norm continuous if and only if T is weakly continuous.
- (10 pts) Let X be a Banach space and T be a bounded linear operator on X with finite spectrum. Show that T can be approximated by invertible operators on X .
- Let $l^2(\mathbb{N})$ be the Hilbert space of square summable sequences

$$\{(x_1, x_2, \dots) : \sum |x_n|^2 < \infty\}.$$

We say that S is the unilateral shift on $l^2(\mathbb{N})$ if

$$S(x_1, x_2, \dots) = (0, x_1, x_2, \dots).$$

Let \mathcal{B} be the algebra of bounded operators on $l^2(\mathbb{N})$.

- (1) (5 pts) Let $\phi : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ be defined by

$$\phi(A) = S^*AS, \quad A \in \mathcal{B}.$$

Show that ϕ is a bounded linear map on \mathcal{B} and $\|\phi\| = 1$.

- (2) (5 pts) Show that ϕ is right invertible, and find a right inverse of ϕ .

- (3) (10 pts) Show that $\sigma(\phi)$, the spectrum of ϕ , is the closed unit disc $\overline{\mathbb{D}}$ and, every λ in $\overline{\mathbb{D}}$ is an eigenvalue of ϕ , with eigenspace

$$\ker(\phi - \lambda) = \{A \in \mathcal{B} : a_{i+1,j+1} = \lambda a_{i,j}\},$$

where $(a_{i,j})_{i,j=1}^{\infty}$ is the matrix of A with respect to the standard basis $\mathcal{E} = \{e_n : n = 1, 2, \dots\}$:

$$e_n = (\delta_{n1}, \delta_{n2}, \dots),$$

where δ_{ij} is the Kronecker symbol: $\delta_{ij} = 1$ if $i = j$ and 0 if else.

- (4) (10 pts) Show that $\phi - \lambda$ is right invertible if $|\lambda| < 1$ and find a right inverse of $\phi - \lambda$.
- (5) (10 pts) Use (4) to show that $\ker(\phi - \lambda)$ is complemented.
- (6) (10 pts) Show that $\mathcal{R}(\phi - \lambda)$ is not closed if $|\lambda| = 1$.