



Answer five questions only selecting at least two questions from
each section

Time : Three hours

Section A

1. State what is meant to say that two norms in a normed linear space are equivalent.

(a) If $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ is a set of linearly independent vectors in a normed linear space X , then there exists a number $k > 0$ such that

$$\left\| \sum_{i=1}^n \eta_i x_i \right\| \geq k \sum_{i=1}^n |\eta_i|$$

for every choice of scalars $\eta_1, \eta_2, \dots, \eta_n$.

Use this result to prove the following:

- i. Every finite dimensional subspace of X is complete;
- ii. Any two norms on a finite dimensional normed linear space are equivalent.

(b) In unitary space \mathbb{C}^n two norms $\|\cdot\|_1$ and $\|\cdot\|_2$ are defined by,

$$\|x\|_1 = |x_1| + |x_2| + \cdots + |x_n|$$

$$\|x\|_2 = \sqrt{|x_1|^2 + |x_2|^2 + \cdots + |x_n|^2}$$

where $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$.

Prove that for every $x \in \mathbb{C}^n$,

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \|x\|_1 \leq \|x\|_2 \leq \|x\|_1.$$

2. Define the term "bounded linear operator" from a normed linear space into another normed linear space.

(a) Let T be a linear operator from a normed linear space X into a normed linear space Y . Show that the following statements are equivalent.

i. T is continuous at the origin;

ii. T is continuous;

iii. T is bounded.

(b) If T is a linear operator from a normed linear space X onto a normed linear space Y , then show that the inverse operator

$T^{-1} : Y \rightarrow X$ exists and is bounded if and only if there exists

$k > 0$ such that

$$\|T(x)\| \geq k \|x\| \quad \forall x \in X.$$

(c) Show that the operator $T : l^2 \rightarrow l^2$ defined by

$$T(x) = (\eta_i), \quad \eta_i = \frac{\zeta_i}{2^i}, \quad x = (\zeta_i)$$

is linear and bounded.

3. State the Hahn Banach theorem for normed linear spaces.

(a) Let X be a normed linear space and let $x_0 \neq 0$ be any element of X . Prove that there exists a bounded linear functional g on X such that $\|g\| = 1$ and $g(x_0) = \|x_0\|$.

Deduce that if $f(x) = f(y)$ for every bounded linear functional on X then $x = y$.

(b) Let Y be a closed linear subspace of a normed linear space X and let $x_0 \in X \setminus Y$, and let $\delta = \inf\{\|y - x_0\| : y \in Y\}$. Show that there exists a bounded linear functional f defined on X such that $\|f\| = 1$, $f(Y) = \{0\}$ and $f(x_0) = \delta$.

4. (a) Define the following terms in a normed linear space:

i. Schauder basis;

ii. Absolutely convergent series.

(b) Let $e_i = (0, 0, \dots, 1^{i^{\text{th}}}, 0, \dots)$, $i \in \mathbb{N}$. Prove that the sequence $(e_i)_{i=1}^{\infty}$ is a schauder basis for the sequence space l^p if $1 \leq p < \infty$.

(c) Prove that a normed linear space is complete if and only if every absolutely convergent series is convergent.

(d) Prove that the dual space of l^1 is l^{∞} .

Section B

5. Define the following terms:

- Topology on a set;
- Subspace of a topological space;
- Closed subset of a topological space.

(a) Let X be a non-empty set and let (Y, τ) be a topological space. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and for $A \subseteq Y$, define $f^{-1}(A) = \{x \in X : f(x) \in A\}$. Prove that $\{f^{-1}(B) : B \in \tau\}$ is a topology on X .

Is it true that any closed set in a topological subspace is closed in its topological space? Justify your answer.

(b) Let τ_1 and τ_2 be two topologies on a non-empty set X .

Is $\tau_1 \cup \tau_2$ is a topology on X ? Justify your answer.

6. Define the following terms in the topological space.

- Separated set;
- Connected set.

(a) Let X be a topological space. Prove the following:

- i. X is disconnected if and only if there exists a non-empty proper subset of X which is both open and closed.
- ii. If X is connected and f is a continuous function defined on X then $f(X)$ is connected.
- iii. X is disconnected if and only if there exists a continuous function of X onto a two point space $\{0, 1\}$.

(b) Prove that a subset of the real line \mathbb{R} having more than one point is connected if and only if it is an interval.



7. Let f be a function from a topological space (X, τ_X) into a topological space (Y, τ_Y) .

- (a) What is meant by that f is continuous at a point $x_0 \in X$?
- (b) Prove that, f is continuous on X if and only if, $f^{-1}(G)$ is open in X , for every open subset G in Y .
- (c) Is it true that if f is continuous on X then the image of a closed set in X is closed in Y ? Justify your answer.
- (d) Prove that f is continuous on X if and only if $f^{-1}(A^0) \subseteq \{f^{-1}(A)\}^0$ for every subset A of Y .
- (e) If f is continuous and Z is a subspace of X , show that the restriction of f to Z is continuous.

8. Define :

- Frechet space (T_1) ;
- Housdorff space (T_2) .

- (a) Prove that every Housdorff space is a Frechet space.
Is the converse true? Justify your answer.
- (b) Prove that a topological space X is a Frechet space if and only if every singleton subset of X is closed.
- (c) Prove that every subspace of a Frechet space is also a Frechet space.