

General Examination: Real Variables

The answers without reasonable supporting work will not receive credit.

Problem 1. Evaluate the limit and justify the result:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \int_0^1 \frac{x^{n-1}}{2020 + x} dx$$

Problem 2. Consider the identity operator $I(x) = x$.

(a) Let $I : L^1[0, 1] \mapsto L^2[0, 1]$. Is operator I bounded?

Prove or find a counter example: If $\|x_n\|_1 \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, then $\|x_n\|_2 \rightarrow 0$.

(b) Let $I : L^2[0, 1] \mapsto L^1[0, 1]$. Is operator I bounded?

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Problem 3. Let X be a Banach space and suppose that mapping $f : X \mapsto X$ is contractive. Define $g(x) = x - f(x)$, $x \in X$. Show that the mapping $g : X \mapsto X$ is one-to-one and onto. Also show that g and its inverse are continuous.

Problem 4. Consider the sequence of functions $\{\cos(nr)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ defined on the set \mathbb{Q} of rational numbers, $r \in \mathbb{Q}$. Prove that there is a subsequence of $\{\cos(nr)\}$ that converges pointwise on \mathbb{Q} to a real-valued function.

Problem 5. Consider the differential equation

$$x'(t) = \cos\left(x^2 + 3x + \frac{\pi}{2}\right), \quad 0 \leq t \leq T < \infty,$$

with initial condition $x(0) = x_0$ and solutions in $C[0, T]$.

Let $K \subset C[0, 1]$ be the closure in space $C[0, T]$ of all solutions $x(t)$ to the above initial value problem for all x_0 such that $|x_0| < 1$. Let $y(t) = e^t$. Prove that there exists function $z \in K$ such that

$$\|z - y\| = \text{dist}(y, K).$$

Here $\text{dist}(y, K)$ is the distance in space $C[0, T]$ between point y and the set K .

Problem 6. Let us consider Sobolev space $W^{2,1}[0, 1]$ of functions, which are in $L^2[0, 1]$ along with their derivatives. Sobolev space is equipped with the following inner product and is complete:

$$(x, y) = \int_0^1 [x(t)y(t) + x'(t)y'(t)] dt.$$

(a) Prove that $W^{2,1}[0, 1] \subset C[0, 1]$;

(b) Let $f(x) = x(0)$. Is it possible to find $y \in W^{2,1}[0, 1]$ such that $\forall x \in W^{2,1}[0, 1]$, $f(x) = (x, y)$?
If yes, find such function $y(t)$.