

## AMath 731 Fall 2019 Questions - To Be Updated

- (1) State the following theorems:
- (a) Riesz-Fischer theorem
  - (b) Banach fixed point theorem, Brower fixed point theorem, and Schauder fixed point theorem
  - (c) Picard-Lindelof theorem, Peano theorem
  - (d) Arzela-Ascoli theorem, Frechet-Kolomogorov theorem
  - (e) State the Neumann series and its properties
  - (f) The Hahn-Banach theorems, the generalized mean value theorem
  - (g) Orthogonal projection theorem, Riesz representation theorem
  - (h) Lax-Milgram theorem for Hilbert spaces
  - (i) Spectral theorem for compact positive self-adjoint linear operators
  - (j) to be continued ...
- (2) Prove local existence and uniqueness for the initial value problem

$$\begin{cases} u(0) &= 1 \\ \frac{du}{dt} &= u^2(t) + t, \quad t \in (0, T). \end{cases}$$

Give a lower bound for  $T$  and the length of the time interval for which the solution is guaranteed to exist.

Hint: Use Banach fixed point theorem or the Picard-Lindelof theorem.

- (3) Show that the boundary value problem

$$\begin{aligned} u'' - \varepsilon u^2 &= f(x), \quad x \in (0, 1) \\ u(0) &= \alpha \quad \text{and} \quad u'(1) = \beta \end{aligned}$$

has a unique, continuous solution if  $\varepsilon > 0$  is small enough, where  $f(x)$  is a smooth function on  $[0, 1]$ .

- (4) Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $F : X \rightarrow X$  be a smooth map. Suppose that  $x_* \in X$  such that  $F(x_*) = 0$  and the Frechet derivative  $DF(x_*)$  is invertible. Given any starting point  $x_0$ , consider the Newton iteration scheme

$$x_{k+1} = G(x_k) \quad \text{where} \quad G(x) = x - DF(x)^{-1}F(x).$$

- (a) **Not in the FINAL.** Show that  $G(x_*) = x_*$ ,  $DG(x_*) = 0$  and there exists a closed ball  $B$  about  $x_*$  such that  $\|DG(x)\| \leq \frac{1}{2}$  for all  $x \in B$ . (Hint: you do not need to compute  $DG(x)$ , only  $DG(x_*)$ )
- (b) Show that  $G(x) \in B$  for all  $x \in B$ .
- (c) Show that  $G : B \rightarrow B$  is a contraction.
- (d) Show that  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = x_*$  for any  $x_0 \in B$ .

- (5) Let  $K$  be a continuous function  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Show that for  $\lambda$  small enough, for any  $g \in C[0, 1]$ , there exists a unique solution  $f \in C[0, 1]$  to

$$f(x) = g(x) + \lambda \int_0^1 K(x, y)f(y)dy.$$

- (6) Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two Banach spaces and  $M$  be a dense subset of  $X$  (i.e., for every  $x \in X$ , there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\} \subset M$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x$ ). Prove that every bounded linear operator  $T : M \rightarrow Y$  has a unique bounded linear extension  $\hat{T} : X \rightarrow Y$  (i.e.,  $\hat{T} \in B(X, Y)$  and  $\hat{T}|_M = T$ ). Show that  $\|T\| = \|\hat{T}\|$ .  
Hint: For each  $x \in X$ , by assumption, there exists a sequence  $\{x_n\} \subset M$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x$ . Define  $\hat{T}(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T(x_n)$ .

- (7) Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}$  be open and bounded. Suppose  $K \in C(\overline{\Omega} \times \overline{\Omega})$  and  $T : L_2(\Omega) \rightarrow L_2(\Omega)$  is defined by

$$Tf(x) := \int_{\Omega} K(x, y)f(y)dy.$$

- (a) Show that  $T$  is well-defined.  
(b) Prove that  $T$  is a compact operator.  
(c) Prove that  $T$  is a bounded linear operator. Compute  $\|T\|$ .
- (8) Let  $X$  be a Banach space and consider  $GL(X, X)$  be the set of all isomorphisms from  $X$  to  $X$ . Prove that  $GL(X, X)$  is an open set of  $B(X)$ . (Hint: Recall that  $(1 - x)^{-1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n$ , for  $x \in \mathbb{C}, |x| < 1$ .)
- (9) Let  $X$  be a normed linear space,  $Y$  be a linear subspace of  $X$ , and  $z \in X \setminus Y$  such that

$$d = \text{dist}(z, Y) = \inf_{y \in Y} \|y - z\| > 0.$$

Prove that there exists  $f \in X^*$  such that  $\|f\| \leq 1$ ,  $f(z) = d$ , and  $f(y) = 0$  for all  $y \in Y$ . (Hint: Work in  $X_0 = Y + \mathbb{K}z$  and extend to  $X$  using the Hahn-Banach Theorem.)

- (10) (a) Show that  $Y_1 = \{x = (x_1, x_2, \dots) \in \ell_2 \mid x_{2n} = 0, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a closed subspace of  $\ell_2$  and find  $Y_1^\perp$ .  
(b) What is  $Y_2^\perp$  if  $Y_2 = \text{Span}(e_1, \dots, e_n) \subset \ell_2$  where  $e_{j,k} = \delta_{jk}$ ?  
(c) Take  $x = (1, 2, 3, 4, 0, 0, \dots)$ . What are the orthogonal projection  $P_{Y_1}(x)$  and  $P_{Y_2}(x)$  and  $\text{dist}(x, Y_1)$  and  $\text{dist}(x, Y_2)$ ?
- (11) Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space and  $A : H \rightarrow H$  be a linear operator. If for all  $x, y \in H$ , the following holds

$$\langle x, Ay \rangle = \langle Ax, y \rangle,$$

prove that  $A$  is bounded.

(12) Consider an operator  $A : L_2[0, 1] \rightarrow L_2[0, 1]$  defined by

$$Af(x) = \int_0^x f(t)dt.$$

- (a) Show that  $A^*f(x) = \int_x^1 f(t)dt$  and  $A^*Af(x) = \int_0^1 (1 - \max(x, t))f(t)dt$ .
- (b) Show that  $A^*A$  is self-adjoint, positive, and compact on  $L_2[0, 1]$ .
- (c) Show that if  $\lambda \neq 0$  is an eigenvalue of  $A^*A$  with eigenfunction  $f$ , then  $\lambda f'' = -f$  almost everywhere on  $[0, 1]$ ,  $f'(0) = 0$ , and  $f(1) = 0$ .
- (d) Show that  $\|A^*A\| = 4/\pi^2$  and  $\|A\| = 2/\pi$ .

(13) Define the linear operator  $T : L_2[0, 1] \rightarrow L_2[0, 1]$  by

$$Tf(x) = \int_0^x \int_y^1 f(z)dz dy.$$

- (a) Prove that  $T$  is self-adjoint.
  - (b) Prove that  $T$  is compact.
  - (c) Find an orthogonal basis for  $L_2[0, 1]$  based on the eigenvalues of this operator. (Hint: differentiate twice and consider carefully the boundary conditions that must be satisfied.)
- (14) Let  $H$  be a separable Hilbert spaces,  $\{v_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$  a countable orthonormal base, and  $L : H \rightarrow H$  the linear operator that  $Lv_i = \sum_{j=1}^\infty 2^{-(i+j)}v_j$ . Show that  $L$  is compact.
- (15) Suppose that  $H$  is a Hilbert space and  $V \subset H$  is a nonempty, closed convex set. Let  $x \in H$  such that  $x \notin V$ .
- (a) Prove that there is a unique  $y \in V$  such that  $\|x - y\|$  is minimal.
  - (b) If  $V$  is a linear subspace, prove that  $x - y$  is orthogonal to  $V$ .
- (16) (a) Let  $H$  be a real Hilbert space and  $Y$  be a closed subspace of  $H$ . Consider a bilinear functional  $a : H \times H \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  that has the following properties:
- (i) There is a constant  $C > 0$  such that

$$|a(u, v)| \leq C\|u\|_H \|v\|_H, \quad \text{for all } u, v \in H.$$

- (ii) There is a constant  $\gamma > 0$  such that

$$a(v, v) \geq \alpha\|v\|_H^2, \quad \text{for all } v \in Y.$$

Given  $\varphi \in Y^*$  and  $y_0 \in H$ . Prove that there is a unique element  $u \in Y + y_0 \subset H$  such that

$$a(v, u) = \varphi(v) \quad \forall v \in Y.$$

Moreover,

$$\|u\|_H \leq \frac{1}{\alpha}\|\varphi\|_{Y^*} + \left(\frac{C}{\alpha} + 1\right)\|y_0\|_H.$$

Hint: Mimic the proof of the Lax-Milgram Theorem.

(b) Not in the Final. Consider the boundary value problem:

$$\begin{aligned} -u_{xx} + (1+y)u &= f, \quad \text{for } (x, y) \in (0, 1)^2, \\ u(0, y) &= 0, \quad u(1, y) = \cos(y), \quad \text{for } y \in (0, 1). \end{aligned}$$

- (i) Find the associated variational problem. In which space should  $f$  lie?  
(ii) Show that there exists a unique solution to this problem.

(17) Consider the following linear operator  $T$  on the separable Hilbert space  $H = (\ell_2, \|\cdot\|_2)$ :

$$T : H \rightarrow H$$

$$T(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots) = \left( \frac{1}{2}(x_1 + x_2), \frac{1}{4}(x_2 + x_3), \dots, \frac{1}{2^n}(x_n + x_{n+1}), \dots \right)$$

Denote

$$e_n = (0, 0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, 0, \dots) \quad \text{where 1 is at the } n^{\text{th}}\text{-position.}$$

Then it is easy to see that  $\{e_n\}$  is an orthonormal basis for  $H$ .

- (a) Prove that  $T$  is bounded and find an upper bound for  $\|T\|$ .  
(b) Determine  $T^*$ .  
(c) Is  $T$  self-adjoint?  
(d) Verify that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|Te_n\|^2 < \infty$ .  
(e) Let  $T_n(v) = \sum_{k=1}^n \langle v, e_k \rangle Te_k$ ,  $\forall v \in H$ . Explain why  $T_n : H \rightarrow H$  is compact.  
(f) Prove that  $\|T_n - T\| \rightarrow 0$  and  $T$  is a compact operator.  
(g) Prove that for every  $k \geq 1$ , there exists  $v_k \in H$ ,  $v_k \neq 0$  such that  $Tv_k = \frac{1}{2^k}v_k$ .  
(h) Alternate question for the previous question: Find  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  nonzeros in  $H$  such that  $Tv_k = \frac{1}{2^k}v_k$  for  $k = 1, 2$ . Are  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  orthogonal to each other? Why does it not violate the Spectral Theorem that we studied in class?
- (18) Find the set of eigenvalues of the linear operator  $T : (\ell_2, \|\cdot\|_2) \rightarrow (\ell_2, \|\cdot\|_2)$  defined through

$$T(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots) := (x_2, x_3, x_4, \dots).$$

(19) Consider the set  $X = C([0, a])$  of continuous and real-valued functions on the interval  $[0, a]$ . We define the following norms on  $X$ ,

$$\|f\|_{\infty} := \max_{x \in [0, a]} |f(x)|, \quad \|f\|_a := \max_{x \in [0, a]} |f(x)| e^{-ax}.$$

Determine the operator norms  $\|T\|_{\infty}$  for  $T : (X, \|\cdot\|_{\infty}) \rightarrow (X, \|\cdot\|_{\infty})$  and  $\|T\|_a$  for  $T : (X, \|\cdot\|_a) \rightarrow (X, \|\cdot\|_a)$ , where the operator  $T$  is defined as follows,

$$(Tf)(x) := \int_0^x tf(t) dt.$$

(20) Consider the Sobolev norm  $\|f\|_{1,2} := \left[ \int_a^b (f^2(x) + (f'(x))^2) dx \right]^{1/2}$  for any real valued function  $f \in C^1[a, b] = \{g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \mid g \text{ and } g' \text{ are continuous functions on } [a, b]\}$ .

- (a) Show that  $C^1[a, b]$  is not complete with respect to the Sobolev norm  $\|\cdot\|_{1,2}$ .  
(Hint: Consider  $a = -1, b = 1$ , and the sequence

$$f_n(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } -1 \leq x \leq 0, \\ x^{1+\frac{1}{n}}, & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

and show that  $\{f_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence w.r.t  $\|\cdot\|_{1,2}$ , converges pointwise to some function  $f(x)$  but  $f \notin C^1[-1, 1]$ .)

- (b) Show that  $\|f\|_\infty \leq \left[ (b-a)^{-1/2} + (b-a)^{1/2} \right] \|f\|_{1,2}$  for all  $f \in C^1[a, b]$ .  
(c) Given the for every  $g \in W_2^1[a, b]$ , there exists a sequence  $\{g_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset C[a, b]$  such that  $\|g_n - g\|_{1,2} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Prove that  $W_2^1[a, b] \subset C[a, b]$ .  
(d) Find a function in  $C[a, b]$  but not in  $W_2^1[a, b]$ .

(21) If  $f \in L^p(\Omega)$  show that

$$\|f\|_p = \sup \left| \int_\Omega fg dx \right| = \sup_\Omega |fg| dx,$$

where the supremum is taken over all  $g \in L^q(\Omega)$  such that  $\|g\|_q \leq 1$ , where  $1 \leq p, q \leq \infty$  and  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ .

(22) Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space and  $T \in B(H)$ ,  $T \neq 0$ . Let  $N = \ker T$  and suppose  $M$  is a closed linear subspace such that  $H = N \oplus M$  (i.e.,  $H = N + M$  and  $N \cap M = \{0\}$ ). Suppose  $\text{Im}(T)$  is closed. Note that we may take  $M = N^\perp$ , but this is not required.

- (a) Show that  $T$  is one-to-one on  $M$ .  
(b) Show that there is some  $\gamma > 0$  such that

$$\gamma \|x\| \leq \|Tx\| \quad \forall x \in M.$$

(c) Let  $\gamma_M^*$  be the maximal  $\gamma$  that can be taken above for  $M$ . Show that  $\gamma_M^* \leq \gamma_{N^\perp}^*$ .

(23) Define  $T : \ell_2 \rightarrow \ell_2$  by  $Tx = y$  where  $y_j = \alpha_j x_j$  and  $\alpha_j \rightarrow 0$  as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ . Show that  $T$  is compact.

(24) Let  $H$  be a complex Hilbert space and  $T : H \rightarrow H$  a bounded linear operator. Note that both  $T^*T$  and  $TT^*$  are positive self-adjoint operators (An operator  $L$  is positive if  $\langle Tx, x \rangle \geq 0$  for all  $x \in H$ ). Prove that  $I + T^*T$  and  $I + TT^*$  must be boundedly invertible.