

COMP 6839 Problems

1. Let $Y = \mathbf{R}^d$ with the Euclidean norm

$$\|y\| = \left(\sum_{j=1}^d y_j^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

- (a) Cauchy-Schwarz inequality:

$$\left| \sum_{j=1}^d y_j z_j \right| \leq \|y\| \cdot \|z\|$$

Hint: consider the product $(\lambda y + z) \cdot (\lambda y + z)$ as a function of λ ; does it take negative values?

- (b) Using (a), establish the triangle inequality for the Euclidean norm.

2. Show that $\|y\| = \max_{x \in [a, b]} |y'(x)|$ defines a norm for the linear space

$$Y_0 = \left\{ y \in C^1[a, b] : \int_a^b y(x) dx = 0 \right\}$$

but does not define a norm for $Y = C^1[a, b]$.

3.

- (a) Verify that $\|y\| = |y(a)| + \max_{x \in [a, b]} |y'(x)|$ defines a norm for $Y = C^1[a, b]$.

- (b) Show that $\max_{x \in [a, b]} |y(x)| \leq (1 + b - a)\|y\|$, $\forall y \in Y$. Hint: $y(x) = y(a) + \int_a^x y'(t) dt$.

4. With $Y = C[0, 1]$ and $(y_n) = ((x/2)^n)$,

- (a) Show that $y_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, using $\|y\|_1 = \int_0^1 |y(x)| dx$.

- (b) Show that $y_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, using $\|y\|_\infty = \max_{x \in [0, 1]} |y(x)|$.

5. Let $Y = C[0, 1]$ and $(y_n) = (x^n)$.

- (a) Show that $y_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, for the one-norm of the previous problem.
- (b) But y_n does not tend to 0 for the infinity-norm. This shows that sequential convergence to a value depends on the norm.

6. Let $Y = C[a, b]$ and use the definition of continuity to establish that $J(y) = \int_a^b (\sin x)y(x) dx$ is continuous on Y using:

(a) $\|y\|_\infty = \max_{x \in [a, b]} |y(x)|$.

(b) $\|y\|_1 = \int_a^b |y(x)| dx$.

Make a similar analysis for $F(y) = \int_a^b \sin(y(x)) dx$. Hint: use a mean value inequality.

7. Verify that $J(y) = \int_0^1 |y(x)| dx$ does not achieve a minimum value on

$$D = \{y \in C[0, 1] : y(0) = 0, y(1) = 1\}$$

although J is bounded below by zero on D .