

Exercises 2

THURSDAY 16 FEB 2017

EXERCISE 2.1

- a. Let H be a Hilbert space and suppose that $f, g \in H$ are linearly independent with norms $\|f\| = \|g\| = 1$. Show that for all $0 < t < 1$, the norms of the convex combinations $\|tf + (1 - t)g\| < 1$.
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EXERCISE 2.2

- a. Let L be a non-empty linear subspace of a Hilbert space H . Show that L is dense in H , if and only if, $L^\perp = \{0\}$. (*In other words, you are required to give a direct proof of the equivalence of (two things very much akin of) parts (a) and (b) of theorem 3.47 in Rynne and Youngson.*)
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EXERCISE 2.3

- a. Consider the elements $f_0, \dots, f_4 \in L_{\mathbb{R}}^2[-1, 1]$ corresponding to the functions $x \mapsto 1, x \mapsto x, \dots, x \mapsto x^4$. Orthogonalize by Gram-Schmidt.
- b. Show that the resulting elements p_0, \dots, p_4 correspond with the first four functions in the sequence,

$$p_n(x) = \frac{1}{2^n n!} \left(\frac{d}{dx} \right)^n (x^2 - 1)^n,$$

(*Rodrigues' formula for the Legendre polynomials.*)

EXERCISE 2.4

- a. Study the proof that the Fourier functions form an orthonormal basis for $L_{\mathbb{R}}^2[0, \pi]$ (the proof of theorem 3.54 in Rynne and Youngson). Discuss it with your fellow students, until you understand all aspects in full detail.
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