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In Question 1 and Question 2, the underlying field is $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{R}$, and in Question 3, the underlying field is $\mathbb{K} = \mathbb{C}$.

(4+8+4+8 pts) 1. a) State the parallelogram law: Let V be an inner product space over \mathbb{K} . Then, for any vectors $x, y \in V$, we have ...

Let $C[0, 1] = \{f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{K} \mid f \text{ is continuous}\}$.

b) Show that the supremum norm $\|\cdot\|_\infty : C[0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given by $\|f\|_\infty = \sup_{x \in [0, 1]} |f(x)|$ is not induced by any inner product on $C[0, 1]$.

c) State the Jordan-von Neumann theorem: Let V be a normed space over \mathbb{K} . Then the norm $\|\cdot\|_V$ is induced by an inner product if and only if ...

d) Consider the norm $\|\cdot\| : C[0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given by

$$\|f\| = \sqrt{\int_0^1 (1 + x^2)(f(x))^2 dx}$$

Show that $\|\cdot\|$ is induced by an inner product on $C[0, 1]$ and find this inner product explicitly.

(8×8 pts) 2. Consider the inner product space $\ell_2 = \{(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in \mathbb{K}^{\mathbb{N}} : \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a_n|^2 < \infty\}$ together with its standard inner product

$$\langle (a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mid (b_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n b_n$$

Set $S = \{(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in \ell_2 : a_n \geq 0 \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ and $\mathbf{x} = \left(\frac{(-1)^n}{n+1} \right)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} = \left(1, \frac{-1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{-1}{4}, \dots \right)$.

a) Show that S is a closed convex subset of ℓ_2 .

b) Determine whether or not there exists a unique vector in S that is closest to \mathbf{x} .

For Part (c) **only**, we endow ℓ_2 with the supremum norm given by $\|(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}\|_{\infty} = \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} |a_n|$. You are given that, with respect to this norm, S is still a closed convex subset of ℓ_2 .

c) Determine whether or not there exists a unique vector in S that is closest to \mathbf{x} with respect to the norm $\|\cdot\|_{\infty}$.

In the rest of this question, we continue endowing ℓ_2 and its subsets with its standard inner product and the induced norm $\|\cdot\|_2$. Recall that, for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\mathbf{e}_n = (\delta_{kn})_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ denotes the standard basis vector whose n -th entry is 1 and whose other entries are 0. Consider the vector subspace

$$\mathcal{H} = \{(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in \ell_2 : a_{2n} = a_{2n+1} \text{ for each } n \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

d) Show that \mathcal{H} is a Hilbert space.

e) Find a complete orthonormal sequence for the Hilbert space \mathcal{H} .

f) Find an inner product space isomorphism, that is, a unitary map, $\varphi : \ell_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$. For this part of the question, it suffices to only define the map φ without actually proving that it is an isomorphism.

In Part (g) and (h), you shall consider $c_{00} = \{(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in \ell_2 : \exists m \in \mathbb{N} \forall n \geq m \ a_n = 0\}$ as a vector subspace of ℓ_2 with the restriction of the standard inner product and norm of ℓ_2 to this subspace.

A corollary of the Hahn-Banach theorem states the following: Let $(E, \|\cdot\|_E)$ be a normed space, $W \subseteq E$ be a subspace and $f : W \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$ be a continuous linear functional. Then there exists a continuous linear extension $F : E \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$ of f .

g) Let $f : c_{00} \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$ be a bounded linear functional. Show that there exists $(b_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in \ell_2$ such that $f((a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}) = \langle (a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} | (b_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \rangle$ for all $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in c_{00}$.

h) Construct a bounded linear functional $f : c_{00} \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$ such that there exists no $(b_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in c_{00}$ such that $f((a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}) = \langle (a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} | (b_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \rangle$ for all $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in c_{00}$. Explain why this does not contradict the Riesz-Fréchet representation theorem.

(5+2+5 pts) 3. Recall the sequence $\left(\frac{e^{inx}}{\sqrt{2\pi}}\right)_{n=-\infty}^{\infty}$ is a complete orthonormal sequence for the Hilbert space $L^2(-\pi, \pi)$.

a) Compute the n -th Fourier coefficient of $f(x) = x^2$ with respect to $\left(\frac{e^{inx}}{\sqrt{2\pi}}\right)_{n=-\infty}^{\infty}$.

b) Complete the following statement of Parseval's formula appropriately: Let $f, g \in L^2(-\pi, \pi)$ have the Fourier series $f(x) \sim \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n e^{inx}$ and $g(x) \sim \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} d_n e^{inx}$. Then

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \overline{g(x)} dx = \dots\dots\dots$$

c) Show that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^4} = \frac{\pi^4}{90}$.