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Problem Set 12 Solutions
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Say $f, g \in M^\perp$, $h \in M$ and $a \in R$. Then $\langle af + g, h \rangle = a \langle f, h \rangle + \langle g, h \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow af + g \in M^\perp$ and thus M^\perp is a space.

For completeness, say $(\forall n) f_n \in M^\perp$ and $f_n \rightarrow f$. Then:

$$\langle f, h \rangle = \langle (f - f_n) + f_n, h \rangle = \langle (f - f_n), h \rangle + \langle f_n, h \rangle = \langle (f - f_n), h \rangle \leq \sqrt{\|f - f_n\| \|h\|} \rightarrow 0$$

so $\langle f, h \rangle = 0$ and $f \in M^\perp$.

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First, because the Legendre polynomials are obtained by applying the Gram-Schmidt algorithm to the set of functions $\{1, x, x^2, x^3, \dots\}$, the set of all polynomials is clearly spanned by the Legendre polynomials. So it suffices to show that the polynomials are dense in $L^2([-1, 1]) = L^2$.

Now by Lemma 2 / p. 624 the set of periodic continuous functions $C_p([-1, 1]) = C$ is dense in L^2 . So it suffices to show that the set of polynomials is dense in C (under the $\|\cdot\|_2$ norm).

Because the polynomials form an algebra, given any $f \in C$ and $\epsilon > 0$, by the Stone-Weierstrass there exists a polynomial p such that $\|f - p\| < \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{2}}$. But then:

$$(\|f - p\|_2)^2 = \int_{-1}^1 |f(x) - p(x)|^2 dx \leq \int_{-1}^1 \sup_{x \in [-1, 1]} |f(x) - p(x)|^2 dx = \epsilon^2$$

so $\|f - p\|_2 \leq \epsilon$. Thus the set of polynomials is dense in C and the proof is complete.

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From Table 10.5-4, we know $g(x) = \frac{\sinh \pi}{\pi} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{1-ik} e^{ikx}$ is the Fourier series for e^x .

Now e^x , periodically extended to all of R , has a discontinuity at $x = \pi$, with

$f(\pi^+) = e^\pi$ and $f(\pi^-) = e^{-\pi}$. Thus (see Table 10.3-1 in book),

$$\begin{aligned} g(\pi) &= \frac{e^\pi + e^{-\pi}}{2} = \cosh \pi = \frac{\sinh \pi}{\pi} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{1-ik} e^{ik\pi} = \frac{\sinh \pi}{\pi} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{1-ik} (\cos k\pi + i \sin k\pi) = \\ &= \frac{\sinh \pi}{\pi} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1-ik} = \frac{\sinh \pi}{\pi} + \frac{\sinh \pi}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{1-ik} + \frac{1}{1+ik} \right) = \\ &= \frac{\sinh \pi}{\pi} \left(1 + 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+k^2} \right) \Rightarrow \pi \coth \pi - 1 = 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+k^2} \end{aligned}$$

as desired.

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In any metric space, the triangle inequality says $\|f_n - f\| \leq \| \|f_n\| - \|f\| \|$, and both are non-negative, so if $\|f_n - f\| \rightarrow 0$ (i.e. $f_n \rightarrow f$), then $\| \|f_n\| - \|f\| \| \rightarrow 0$, i.e. $\|f_n\| \rightarrow \|f\|$, as desired.

The converse is clearly not true: roughly speaking, the f 's can be of the same sizes but different. As an example in $L^2([-\pi, \pi])$, take any f that is not even, and define $f_n(x) = f(-x)$. If necessary, draw a picture to see why this serves as an example.

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$\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i y_i$. Then $\langle x, x \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i^2 \geq 0$, because it is a sum of squares of real numbers, and $\langle x, x \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i^2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow (\forall i) x_i = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$. Further, $\langle x, y + w \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i (y_i + w_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i y_i + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i w_i = \langle x, y \rangle + \langle x, w \rangle$, $\langle \alpha x, y \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \alpha x_i y_i = \alpha \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i y_i = \alpha \langle x, y \rangle$ and, last, $\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i y_i = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} y_i x_i = \langle y, x \rangle$. Thus the given definition satisfies the requirements for an inner product.

For completeness, say $x_n = (x_{n1}, x_{n2}, \dots)$ is Cauchy. Then $\{x_{nk}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is also Cauchy, and all its elements are real, so $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{nk} = x_k^*$ exists for all k . Then $x = (x_1^*, x_2^*, \dots)$ satisfies the conditions for being $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$ and l_2 is complete, as claimed.

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Set $f_n(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x \in [-1, 0] \\ \sqrt{4n^2x} & \text{for } x \in [0, \frac{1}{2n}] \\ \sqrt{4n - 4n^2x} & \text{for } x \in [\frac{1}{2n}, \frac{1}{n}] \\ 0 & \text{for } x \in [\frac{1}{n}, 1] \end{cases}$. Then $f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = 0$ for all $x \in [-1, 1]$, but in mean $(\|f_n - f\|_2)^2 = (\|f_n\|_2)^2 = 1$ for all n , so f_n does not converge to the pointwise limit f in mean.

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By Worked Example 10.2.,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle f, g \rangle &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle \sum_{k=0}^n \langle f, \varphi_k \rangle \varphi_k, \sum_{j=0}^n \langle g, \varphi_j \rangle \varphi_j \rangle = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k,j=0}^n \langle f, \varphi_k \rangle \overline{\langle g, \varphi_j \rangle} \langle \varphi_k, \varphi_j \rangle = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k,j=0}^n \langle f, \varphi_k \rangle \langle \varphi_j, g \rangle \delta_{jk} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^n \langle f, \varphi_k \rangle \langle \varphi_k, g \rangle = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \langle f, \varphi_k \rangle \langle \varphi_k, g \rangle \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\delta'}(k) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \delta'(x) e^{-ikx} dx = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{d}{dx} (e^{-ikx}) \Big|_{x=0} = \frac{ik}{2\pi}. \\ \widehat{\delta}(k) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \delta(x) e^{-ikx} dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{-ikx} \Big|_{x=0} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \end{aligned}$$

so, as expected, $\widehat{\delta'}(k) = ik\widehat{\delta}(k)$.