

Pre Ph.D. (Course Work) Examination 2014

Mathematics,

(Approximation Theory) Alternate

answers may follow.

1 (i) Clearly  $d(x,x)=0$ ,  $d(x,y)=1 > 0$  if  $x \neq y$   
 $d(x,y)=d(y,z)=1$ ,  $d(x,y)=1 \leq d(x,z) + d(z,y)$

Hence  $(X,d)$  is a metric space

(ii) Let  $K$  be a compact set in a metric space  $X$  ( $\emptyset \in X$ ), there corresponds a point in  $K$  of minimum distance from

$P$   
 (iii) A mapping  $\phi$  from one metric space to another metric space is said to be continuous at a point  $x$  if for every sequence  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , it follows that  $\phi(x_n) \rightarrow \phi(x)$ .

(iv) A mapping  $\phi: [0,1] \rightarrow [a,b]$  defined by  $\phi(x) = bx + (1-x)a$ . Then  $\phi$  is continuous.

(v) If a sequence of vectors  $\{f_1, f_2, \dots\}$  has the Cauchy Property,  $\lim_{m,n \rightarrow \infty} \|f_n - f_m\| = 0$ , then there exists a vector  $g$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f_n - g\| = 0$

(vi) Since  $\|f\| \leq \|f-g\| + \|g\|$  so that  $\|f\| - \|g\| \leq \|f-g\|$ . By interchanging  $f$  and  $g$ , we obtain  $|\|f\| - \|g\|| \leq \|f-g\|$  which proves the continuity of  $f$ .

(vii)  $C[a,b]$  is a space of real valued continuous functions which is complete, so it is a Banach space and norm is defined as  $\|f\| = \max_{a \leq x \leq b} |f(x)|$  is complete.

(viii) Yes, every finite-dimensional space is complete. if  $f = [\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_n]$

(ix) In an space of  $n$  tuples it is defined as and  $g = [\eta_1, \eta_2, \dots, \eta_n]$ , it is defined as

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \xi_1 \eta_1 + \xi_2 \eta_2 + \dots + \xi_n \eta_n$$

Clearly  $\langle f, f \rangle > 0$  unless  $f=0$

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \langle g, f \rangle$$

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$\langle f, \lambda g + \mu h \rangle = \lambda \langle f, g \rangle + \mu \langle f, h \rangle$   
So it is an inner product space.

(x) Symmetry  $\langle f, g \rangle = \langle g, f \rangle$   
Linearity  $\langle f, \lambda g + \mu h \rangle = \lambda \langle f, g \rangle + \mu \langle f, h \rangle$   
where  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are scalars and  $f, g, h \in E$   
(a linear space)

(xi) The orthonormal property of set of vectors  $\{f_1, f_2, \dots\}$  is expressed by  
 $\langle f_n, f_m \rangle = \delta_{nm}$  ( $n, m = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ )

(xii) Clearly  $\langle f_0, f_1 \rangle = \int_0^\pi 1 \cdot \cos x dx = 0$   
 $\langle f_1, f_2 \rangle = \int_0^\pi \cos x \cos 2x dx = 0$   
 $\langle f_2, f_0 \rangle = \int_0^\pi \cos 2x dx = 0$

Hence set of functions  $\{f_0, f_1, f_2\}$  are orthogonal with respect to given  $\langle f, g \rangle = \int f(x)g(x) dx$

(xiii) A set  $K$  is convex if whenever  $f_i$  and  $g$  belongs to  $K$  ( $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ ),  $\theta_i > 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^m \theta_i f_i \in K$

(xiv) A function  $\phi$  defined on convex set is convex if  $\phi(\lambda x + \mu y) \leq \lambda \phi(x) + \mu \phi(y)$

(xv) A biquadratic polynomial  $y = ax^4 + bx^3 + cx^2 + dx + e$  can be made to pass through any five points having distinct abscissas.

(xvi) Let  $p(x) = c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2$  passing through points  $(1, 2)$ ,  $(2, -1)$  and  $(3, 1)$  satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} c_0 + c_1 + c_2 &= 2 \\ c_0 + 2c_1 + 4c_2 &= -1 \\ c_0 + 3c_1 + 9c_2 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow p(x) = 10 - \frac{21}{2}x + \frac{5}{2}x^2$$

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② Let  $K$  be a such a set. Take  $x_1, x_2, \dots \in K$  such that  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \|x_i\| = d = \inf_{z \in K} \|z\|$ . Then by the

parallelogram law  $\|x_i - x_j\|^2 = 2\|x_i\|^2 + 2\|x_j\|^2 - 4\|\frac{1}{2}(x_i + x_j)\|^2$ .

Since  $K$  is convex,  $\frac{1}{2}(x_i + x_j) \in K$  so that  $\|\frac{1}{2}(x_i + x_j)\| \geq d$ .

Hence  $\|x_i - x_j\|^2 \leq 2\|x_i\|^2 + 2\|x_j\|^2 - 4d^2$ .

As  $i, j \rightarrow \infty$ , the right hand side inequality tends to zero. Thus  $\{x_i\}$  is a Cauchy sequence and has a limit point  $x$ . Since  $K$  is closed,  $x \in K$ .

Since norm is continuous,  $\|x\| = d$ . For uniqueness, observe by parallelogram law that if  $\|x\| = \|y\| = d$  and  $x \neq y$ , then  $\|\frac{1}{2}(x+y)\| < d$ .

This completes the proof.

③ Statement Let  $\{f_1, f_2, \dots\}$  be a linearly independent set of vectors in an inner product space. For each  $n$ , it is possible to define a vector  $g_n$  as a linear combination of  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$  in such a way that  $\{g_1, g_2, \dots\}$  is orthonormal.

Proof By Induction,  $g_1 = \frac{f_1}{\|f_1\|}$ . Then  $g_1$  is an orthonormal set. Of course  $f_1 \neq 0$ . Thus by induction  $\{g_1, g_2, \dots, g_{n-1}\}$  has been defined, that is  $\{g_1, g_2, \dots, g_{n-1}\}$  is orthonormal. For each  $b < n$ ,  $g_b$  is a linear combination of  $\{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{n-1}\}$ .

Define  $u_n = f_n - \sum_{b < n} \langle f_n, g_b \rangle g_b$ . Indeed for

$i < n$ , we have

$$\langle u, g_i \rangle = \langle f_n, g_i \rangle - \sum_{b < n} \langle f_n, g_b \rangle \langle g_b, g_i \rangle$$



$$= \langle f_n, g_i \rangle - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \langle f_n, g_k \rangle \delta_{ki} = 0 \quad \text{Page (4)}$$

From the definition of  $u$  and from induction,  $u$  is linear combination of  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$ .

Finally we note that  $u \neq 0$ ; for if  $u = 0$ , then  $f_n$  must be a linear combination of  $g_1, g_2, \dots, g_{n-1}$  and thus indirectly a linear combination of  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{n-1}$  contradicting independence of  $f_i$ . Hence we may set  $g_n = \frac{u}{\|u\|}$  to make  $\{g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n\}$  is an orthonormal set.

$$g_n = \frac{f_n - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \langle f_n, g_i \rangle g_i}{\|f_n - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \langle f_n, g_i \rangle g_i\|}$$

Hence proved

(A) The proof is by Induction

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & x_0 \\ 1 & x_1 \end{vmatrix} = (x_1 - x_0)$$

$$\text{Now } \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x_0 & x_0^2 \\ 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 \\ 1 & x_2 & x_2^2 \end{vmatrix} = (x_2 - x_1)(x_2 - x_0)(x_1 - x_0)$$

Proceeding in the similar way



$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & x_0 & x_0^2 & \dots & x_0^n \\ 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 & \dots & x_1^n \\ 1 & x_2 & x_2^2 & \dots & x_2^n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n & x_n^2 & \dots & x_n^n \end{vmatrix} = \prod_{0 \leq i < j \leq n} (x_i - x_j)$$

This Vandermonde's determinant of order  $n$ .

(b) We say that a set  $K$  is convex if  $\sum_{i=1}^m \theta_i f_i \in K$  whenever  $f_i \in K, \theta_i \geq 0, \sum_{i=1}^m \theta_i = 1$

Now consider

$$\{f_i : \|\sum_{i=1}^m \theta_i f_i - g\| = \sum_{i=1}^m \theta_i \|f_i - g\|\}, \quad i=1, 2, \dots, m$$

$$\Rightarrow \{f_i : \|\theta_1(f_1 - g) + \theta_2(f_2 - g) + \dots + \theta_m(f_m - g)\|\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \{\sum_{i=1}^m \theta_i \|f_i - g\| + \theta_2 \|f_2 - g\| + \dots + \theta_m \|f_m - g\|\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \{\sum_{i=1}^m \theta_i \lambda\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \{f_i : \|\sum_{i=1}^m \theta_i f_i - g\| \leq \lambda\} \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^m \theta_i f_i \in K$$

Thus it is convex. Proved.

(5) (a) Let  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n$  be the points and  $y_0, y_1, \dots, y_n$  the prescribed values. We seek a polynomial  $p$  such that  $p(x_i) = y_i (i=0, 1, \dots, n)$ . Since the polynomial is of degree  $\leq n$ , it may be expressed as  $p(x) = \sum_{j=0}^n c_j x^j$ . Hence our requirement is that  $\sum_{j=0}^n c_j x_i^j = y_i (i=0, \dots, n)$ .



It can be written in the form of matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_0 & x_0^2 & \dots & x_0^n \\ 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 & \dots & x_1^n \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n & x_n^2 & \dots & x_n^n \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}$$

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In this equation,  $c$ 's are unknown where  $x$  matrix and right hand side are known. This equation has a unique solution because the coefficient matrix is non-singular. The determinant of this matrix, has the value

$$D = \prod_{0 \leq i < j \leq n} (x_i - x_j) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

The right hand side of (2) denotes the product of all factors  $(x_i - x_j)$  for which the pair  $(i, j)$  satisfies  $0 \leq i < j \leq n$ . From the formula for  $D$ , it is clear that  $D \neq 0$  if and only if the points  $x_i$  are distinct.

This completes the proof.

(b) For  $f \in C[0, \infty)$ , the Szász operator  $\{S_n f\}$

are defined as

$$(S_n f)(x) = e^{-nx} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(nx)^k}{k!} f\left(\frac{k}{n}\right). \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

We know that by expansion

$$e^{nx} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(nx)^k}{k!}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = e^{-nx} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(nx)^k}{k!} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$



Thus

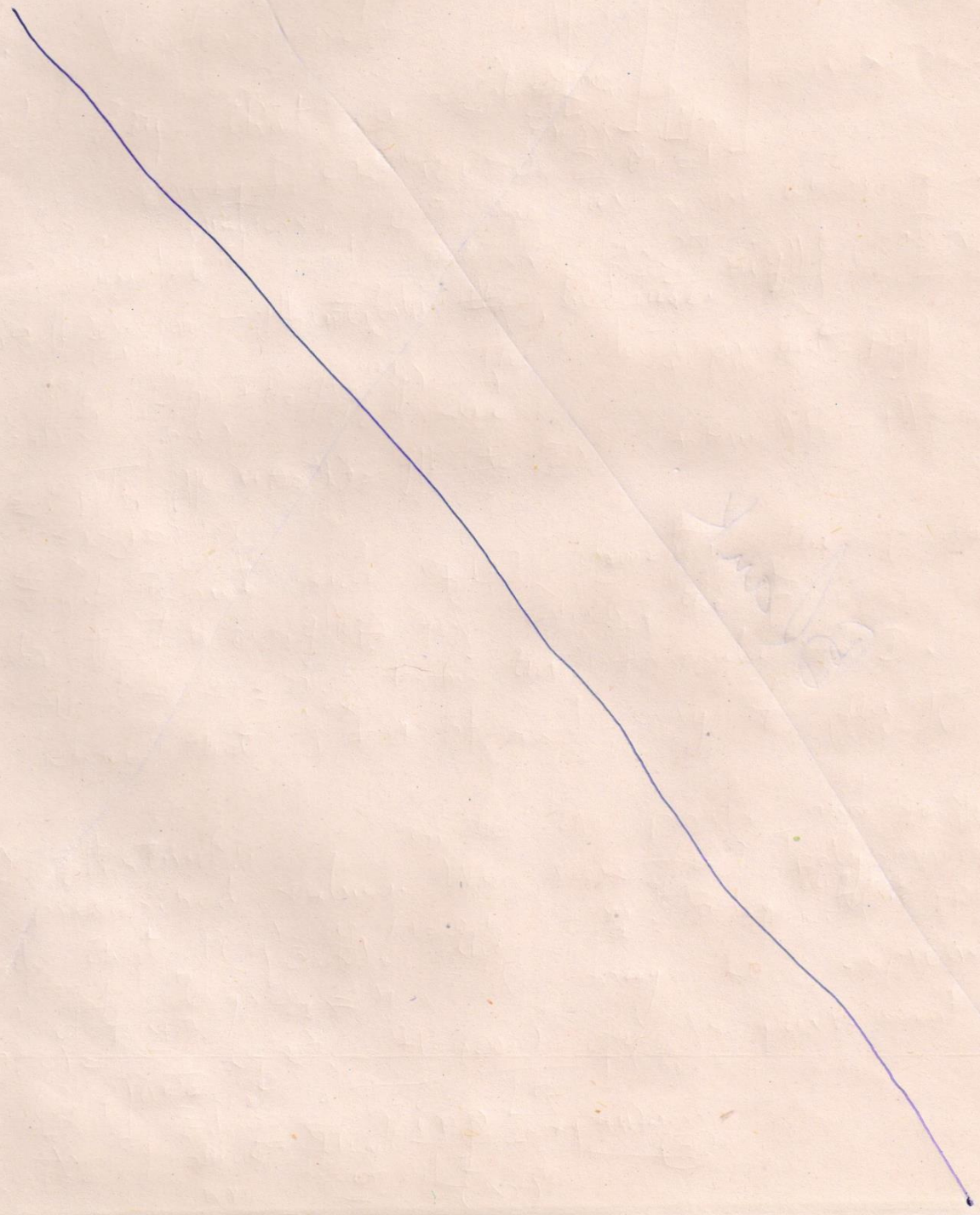
$$\left| (S_n f)(x) \right| \leq e^{-nx} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(nx)^k}{k!} \left| f\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) \right|$$

$$\Rightarrow \left| (S_n f)(x) \right| \leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} e^{-nx} \frac{(nx)^k}{k!} \|f\|$$

Using  $\ominus$ , we get

$$\|S_n f\| \leq \|f\|.$$

This completes.





8. For  $f \in C[0, \infty)$ , let the Szász Operator  $\{L_n f\}$  be defined as

$$(L_n f)(x) = e^{-nx} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(nx)^k}{k!} f\left(\frac{k}{n}\right)$$

Then we have to prove that

$$(L_n 1)(x) \xrightarrow{\text{uniformly}} 1 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$(L_n t)(x) \xrightarrow{\text{uniformly}} x \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$(L_n t^2)(x) \xrightarrow{\text{uniformly}} x^2 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

Then we state Korovkin Theorem on Monotone Operators  $\implies$  The proof of Weierstrass Approximation Theorem follows.

Let  $T_{n,m}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k (1-x)^{n-k} \quad \text{--- (1)}$

diff (1) w.r.t  $x$ , we get

$$T_{n,m}'(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n -m \binom{n}{k} x^k (1-x)^{n-k} + \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^{k-1} (1-x)^{n-k} - \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \binom{k}{1} x^k (1-x)^{n-k-1}$$

After simplification, we get

$$T_{n,m}'(x) = -m T_{n,m-1}(x) + n \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \binom{k}{1} x^{k-1} (1-x)^{n-k-1}$$

Multiplying by  $x(1-x)$ , we get

$$x(1-x) T_{n,m}'(x) = -m x(1-x) T_{n,m-1}(x) + n T_{n,m+1}(x)$$

$$\implies n T_{n,m+1}(x) = x(1-x) [m T_{n,m-1}(x) + T_{n,m}'(x)]$$

with  $T_{n,0}(x) = 1$

$$T_{n,1}(x) = 0 \implies T_{n,1}'(x) = 0$$



Putting  $m=1$ , we get

$$n T_{n,2}(x) = x(1-x) [1 \cdot T_{n,0}(x) + T_{n,1}'(x)]$$

$$\therefore T_{n,2}(x) = \frac{x(1-x)}{n} \Rightarrow T_{n,2}'(x) = \frac{1-2x}{n}$$

Putting  $m=2$ , we get

$$n T_{n,3}(x) = x(1-x) [2 T_{n,1}(x) + T_{n,2}'(x)]$$

$$\Rightarrow T_{n,3}(x) = \frac{x(1-x)}{n} \left[ 2 \cdot 0 + \frac{1-2x}{n} \right]$$

$$= \frac{x(1-x)(1-2x)}{n}$$

The value of  $\frac{n^2}{T_{n,4}}(x)$  and  $T_{n,4}'(x)$  may be done.  
Proceeding in the same way, we get

$$n T_{n,5}(x) = x(1-x) [T_{n,3}(x) + T_{n,4}'(x)]$$

$$\therefore T_{n,5}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k (1-x)^{n-k} \left( \frac{k}{n} - x \right)$$

$$= \frac{x(1-x)}{n} [T_{n,3}(x) + T_{n,4}'(x)]$$

(8)

Now  $g(x) = (B_n g)(x)$

$$= \int_0^x f''(t)(x-t) dt - \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k (1-x)^{n-k} g\left(\frac{k}{n}\right)$$

$$= \int_0^x f''(t)(x-t) dt - \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k (1-x)^{n-k} \int_0^{\frac{k}{n}} f'(t) \left(\frac{k}{n} - t\right) dt$$

$$= \left[ f'(t)(x-t) \right]_0^x + \int_0^x f'(t) dt - \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k (1-x)^{n-k} \left[ f(t) \left(\frac{k}{n} - t\right) \right]_0^{\frac{k}{n}} + \int_0^{\frac{k}{n}} f'(t) dt$$



$$\begin{aligned}
&= -f'(0)x + f(x) - f(0) - \sum_{k=0}^n p_{n,k}(x) f'\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) \left(\frac{k}{n} - \frac{k}{n}\right) \\
&\quad + \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k (1-x)^{n-k} f'(0) \cdot \frac{k}{n} - \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k (1-x)^{n-k} f\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) \\
&\quad + \sum_{k=0}^n p_{n,k}(x) f(0)
\end{aligned}$$

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