

1. Define the following concepts:
  - (a) A *complete* metric space  $(X, \rho)$ .
  - (b) The *spectrum* of a linear bounded operator  $A$ . What is an *eigenvalue* of  $A$ ?
  - (c) A *complete* orthonormal set  $\{\varphi_n\}$  in a Hilbert space  $H$ .
  - (d) A *convex* function  $f : C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  on an open convex  $C \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ .
  - (e) The *synoptic* sets, the *effective domain* and the *graph* of the function  $f : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ . (Here,  $\overline{\mathbb{R}}$  denotes the *extended real line*, i.e.  $\overline{\mathbb{R}} = \mathbb{R} \cup \{\pm\infty\}$ .)
2. State carefully the following results, making sure that all conditions are included and significant terms are defined.
  - (a) Let  $\Omega$  be an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $x_0 \in \Omega$ . State the inverse function theorem for a function  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ .
  - (b) State the Parseval equality for vectors in a real Hilbert space.
  - (c) Let  $L : H \rightarrow H$  be a continuous linear transformation on a real Hilbert space  $H$ . State the Fredholm splitting (or decomposition) theorem for  $H$  and  $L$ .
  - (d) State Young's inequality for vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
3. Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space; let  $\mathcal{B}(H)$  denote the space of linear bounded operators from  $H$  to  $H$ ; and for  $A \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ , let  $\mathcal{R}(A)$  denote the range of  $A$ . Answer **True** or **False** to each of the following questions (work need not be shown):
  - (a) If  $A \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ , then  $A$  is *closed*.
  - (b) If  $M$  and  $N$  are sets in  $H$  such that every  $x \in H$  is uniquely represented by  $x = u + v$  with  $u \in M$  and  $v \in N$ , then both  $M$  and  $N$  are *subspaces* of  $H$ .
  - (c) If  $A \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ , then  $[\ker(A^*)]^\perp = \mathcal{R}(A)$ .
  - (d) Let  $f : X \rightarrow X$ , where  $(X, \rho)$  is a metric space. If  $f \circ f$  is a *contraction*, then  $f$  is *continuous*.
  - (e) If a function  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is *convex* on  $[a, b]$ , then  $f$  is *uniformly continuous* on  $[a, b]$ .
4. Consider  $f(x) := x \coth(x)$  for  $x > 0$ .
  - (a) Find the range  $R(f) \subset \mathbb{R}$  of this function and  $\alpha(f) := \inf_{x>0} f(x)$ . Is this infimum attained? Give reasons and proofs for your claims.
  - (b) Show that  $f$  is a 1-1 map.
  - (c) Let  $g$  be the inverse function of  $f$ . Prove that  $g(y) < y$  for all  $y \in R(f)$ .
5. Let  $H$  be a real Hilbert space. Answer **True** or **False** for each of the following statements:
  - (a) If  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is convex and continuous, then  $f$  has a finite lower bound on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
  - (b) If  $L : H \rightarrow H$  is a continuous linear transformation and  $\lambda > \|L\|$ , then for any  $f \in H$ , there is a unique solution to the equation  $\lambda u - Lu = f$ .
  - (c) If a compact linear transformation  $L : H \rightarrow H$  is 1-1 and onto, then so is its adjoint operator  $L^*$ .
  - (d) If  $f, g$  are  $C^1$  functions on the interval  $(0, 1)$ , then the function  $h(x) := \max(f(x), g(x))$  is a  $C^1$  function on  $(0, 1)$ .
  - (e) If a nonempty subset  $E$  of  $H$  is an orthogonal set, then it is a linearly independent set.
6.
  - (a) Prove that every *compact* subset  $K$  of a metric space  $X$  is *closed and bounded*.
  - (b) Prove that a *closed subset*  $M$  of a *compact* metric space  $X$  is *compact*.
  - (c) Prove that if  $X, Y$  are metric spaces, and  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a continuous mapping, and  $K$  is compact in  $X$ , then the image  $f(K)$  is compact in  $Y$ .

7. Consider  $H = \ell^2$  with the canonical scalar product and the canonical orthonormal system of unit vectors  $\{e_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ . Define the vectors  $f_n := e_n - 2e_{n+2}$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Thus,

$$f_1 = (1, 0, -2, 0, \dots), \quad f_2 = (0, 1, 0, -2, 0, \dots), \quad f_3 = (0, 0, 1, 0, -2, 0, \dots), \dots$$

Also, consider  $S = \{f_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ .

- (a) Find a finite orthonormal system  $\{h_j\}_{j=1}^N$  that spans  $F = S^\perp$ .  
 (b) Define an *orthogonal projection* of  $x$  onto  $M = \text{span}\{e_j \mid j = 1, \dots, n\} \subset H$  by

$$P_M x := \sum_{j=1}^n (x, e_j) e_j.$$

Compute  $P_M x$  for  $x = e_1 + e_2$ .

- (c) Define an *orthogonal projection* of  $x$  onto  $F$ , found in part (a), by

$$P_F x := \sum_{j=1}^N (x, h_j) h_j.$$

Compute  $P_F x$  for  $x = e_1 + e_2$ .

8. Show that the set  $S$  defined by

$$S = \{\varphi \mid \varphi \in C^1([0, 1]), \varphi(0) = 0, |\varphi'(x)| \leq 1 \forall x \in [0, 1]\}.$$

is pre-compact in  $C^0([0, 1])$ .

9. State carefully the following theorems:

- (a) The *contraction mapping* theorem.  
 (b) The representation theorem for a linear bounded functional on a Hilbert space.  
 (c) *Bessel's* inequality.  
 (d) Give a characterization for a *convex* function  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $f \in C^1(I)$  and open  $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ .  
 (e) A characterization for a *lower semi-continuous* function  $f : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$  on a metric space  $X$ . (Here,  $\overline{\mathbb{R}}$  denotes the *extended real line*, i.e.  $\overline{\mathbb{R}} = \mathbb{R} \cup \{\pm\infty\}$ .)

10. Consider  $f(x) := x \ln(1 + x)$  for  $x > 0$ .

- (a) Show that this function is strictly increasing and strictly convex on  $(0, \infty)$ .  
 (b) Find  $\alpha(f) := \inf_{x>0} f(x)$ . Is this infimum attained?  
 (c) Let  $g$  be the inverse function of  $f$ . Give the domain of  $g$  and show that  $g$  is strictly increasing and strictly concave on this domain.  
 (d) With  $f, g$  as above, prove that  $1 < g(1) < 2$ .

11. (a) Let  $M$  be a closed convex set in a real Hilbert space  $H$ . Show that  $y \in M$  satisfies  $\rho(x, M) = \|x - y\|$  if and only if for any  $z \in M$ , the following inequality holds:

$$(x - y, y - z) \geq 0.$$

- (b) Let two sequences  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  of the closed unit ball  $B_1(0)$  in a Hilbert space  $H$  be such that  $(x_n, y_n) \rightarrow 1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Prove that  $\|x_n - y_n\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

12. Let  $V$  be a subspace of a real Hilbert space  $H$ , and let  $V^\perp$  be its orthogonal complement.

- (a) Show that  $V^\perp$  is a closed subspace of  $H$ .

- (b) Prove that if  $V \subseteq W$ , then  $W^\perp \subseteq V^\perp$ .  
 (c) Prove that  $V$  is dense in  $H$  if and only if  $V^\perp = \{0\}$ .

13. Define the following concepts:

- (a) A *metric*  $\rho(x, y)$  for  $x, y \in X$ , and *two equivalent metrics*  $\rho_1$  and  $\rho_2$  on  $X$ .  
 (b) A *compact* mapping  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  where  $X$  and  $Y$  are metric spaces.  
 (c) A *self-adjoint* operator  $S : H \rightarrow H$ , *normal* operator  $N : H \rightarrow H$ , and *unitary* operator  $U : H \rightarrow H$  on a Hilbert space  $H$ .  
 (d) A *weakly coercive*  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and *coercive* function  $g : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .  
 (e) A *convex* function  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$ , where  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is a non-empty convex set.

14. Let  $X$  be a metric space. Prove the following statements:

- (a) A set  $F \subset X$  is closed if and only if for every convergent sequence  $x_n \rightarrow x$  in  $X$  such that all  $x_n \in F$ , it follows that also  $x \in F$ .  
 (b) Let  $F$  be a subset of a complete metric space  $X$ . Then  $F$  is *closed* in  $X$  if and only if  $F$  (as a metric space in its own right) is *complete*.

15. Consider the sequence  $\{u_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  defined by

$$u_n(x) = \cos n\pi x, \quad x \in [0, 1].$$

- (a) Show that  $u_n \rightarrow 0$  *weakly* in  $L^2(0, 1)$ . (Hint: Use the density of  $C^0[0, 1]$  in  $L^2(0, 1)$  and the *Weierstrass polynomial approximation theorem*.  
 (b) Show that the sequence  $\{u_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  does not converge strongly to 0 in  $L^2(0, 1)$ .

16. (a) Prove that if  $f \in C^0[0, 1]$ , then the two-point boundary value problem

$$\begin{cases} -u'' = f & \text{in } (0, 1) \\ u(0) = u(1) = 0 \end{cases}$$

has a unique solution in  $C^2[0, 1]$  given by

$$u(x) = \int_0^1 k(x, y)f(y) dy \quad \forall x \in [0, 1],$$

with

$$k(x, y) = \begin{cases} (1-x)y & \text{if } y \leq x \\ x(1-y) & \text{if } x \leq y. \end{cases}$$

(b) Let us consider now the following *nonlinear* two-point boundary value problem:

$$\begin{cases} -u'' = \frac{u}{1+u^2} + f & \text{in } (0, 1) \\ u(0) = u(1) = 0, \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

with  $f$  still in  $C^0[0, 1]$ . Using an *equivalent integral equation* formulation of (1), and the *Banach contraction mapping theorem*, prove that (1) has a unique solution in  $C^2[0, 1]$ .

17. Consider the function  $G : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$  defined by

$$G(x) := \|x\|_2^4 - 2\langle Ax, x \rangle,$$

where  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  real symmetric matrix.

- (a) Prove that this function is bounded below and has minimizers on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

- (b) What is the equation satisfied by the critical points of  $G$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ?
- (c) What mathematical properties can you say about the critical points and/or minimizers of  $G$ ?
18. (a) Given  $p \in (1, \infty)$ , define the  $p$ -norm on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Write out this formula explicitly when  $p = 4$ .
- (b) Suppose  $F : X \rightarrow X$  is a function. What does it mean to say that  $F$  is a **contraction mapping**?
- (c) Suppose  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable at a point  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Define the **G-derivative** of  $f$  at  $x$ .
- (d) Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space, and  $L : H \rightarrow H$  be a continuous linear transformation. Define the **adjoint** of  $L$ .
- (e) Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space and  $V$  be a subspace of  $H$ . What is the **orthogonal complement** of  $V$ ?
- (f) Suppose that  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a function. What is the definition of a **strictly convex** function?
19. State carefully the following results; making sure that all conditions are included and significant terms are defined.
- (a) Let  $\Omega$  be an open set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $x_0 \in \Omega$ . State the inverse function theorem for a function  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ .
- (b) State the Riesz (or Riesz-Frechet) theorem regarding continuous linear functionals on a real Hilbert space  $H$ .
- (c) Let  $L : H \rightarrow H$  be a continuous linear transformation. State the Fredholm splitting (or decomposition) theorem for  $H$  and  $L$ .
- (d) State the Parseval equality for vectors in a real Hilbert space.
20. Answer **True** or **False** to each of the following statements (work need not be shown):
- (a) All norms in an arbitrary linear normed space  $X$  are equivalent.
- (b) If  $M$  is a linear set in a Hilbert space  $H$ , then  $M^{\perp\perp} = M$ .
- (c) If  $\{\varphi_k\}$  is an orthonormal subset of a Hilbert space  $H$ , then

$$x = \sum_k (x, \varphi_k) \varphi_k \quad \text{for all } x \in H$$

is equivalent to

$$\|x\|^2 = \sum_k |(x, \varphi_k)|^2 \quad \text{for all } x \in H.$$

- (d) Suppose  $f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is such that  $f''(x) \geq 0$  for each  $x \in (a, b)$ . Then  $f$  is  $C^1$  and convex on  $(a, b)$ .
- (e) There exists exactly one minimizer of a lower semi-continuous and quasi-convex function  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , where  $\Omega$  is a nonempty compact convex set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
21. Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $\|x\|$  a norm of  $x \in X$ . Introduce a scalar product  $(x, y)$  in  $X$  that gives rise to a new norm  $\|x\|_s = \sqrt{(x, x)}$  which is, in general, different from  $\|\cdot\|$ . Suppose there exists a constant  $\gamma > 0$  such that

$$\|x\|_s \leq \gamma \|x\| \quad \forall x \in X.$$

Consider a linear set  $M \subset X$  dense in  $X$  in metric  $\|\cdot\|_s$ . Suppose that for any  $\hat{x} \in M$ , its Fourier series  $\sum_k x_k \varphi_k$ , with respect to the orthogonal system  $\{\varphi_k\}$ , converges to  $\hat{x}$  in metric  $\|\cdot\|$ . Prove that  $\{\varphi_k\}$  is complete (or equivalently, maximal) in  $X$  in metric  $\|\cdot\|_s$ .

22. Define the following concepts:
- (a) An *open set*  $M \subset X$ , where  $(X, \rho)$  is a metric space.
- (b) A *complete* metric space  $(X, \rho)$ .
- (c)  $A : D(A) \subset H \rightarrow H$  is a *closed operator*, where  $H$  is a Hilbert space.

- (d) A function  $f : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is *lower semi-continuous* at a point  $x \in E$ , where  $X$  is a metric space and  $\emptyset \neq E \subset X$ .
- (e) A *weakly coercive* function  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .
23. State carefully the following theorems:
- The *contraction mapping* theorem.
  - Parseval's* identity.
  - The *Hahn-Banach* theorem.
  - The characterization (the necessary and sufficient conditions) of a *lower semi-continuous* function.
  - Second order necessary* conditions for a function  $f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  to have a local minimum at  $x^* \in (a, b)$ .
24. (a) For the questions in this part, you may provide just a **Yes** or **No** answer without justification. Do the following linear sets of functions from  $C[-1, 1]$  form a *subspace*?
- monotone functions
  - even functions
  - polynomials
  - polynomials of degree less than  $k$
  - continuously differentiable functions
  - continuous piecewise linear functions
  - functions such that  $x(0) = 0$
  - functions such that  $\int_{-1}^1 x(t) dt = 0$
- (b) Is the linear set  $L = \{x \in \ell_2 : x = (x_1, x_2, \dots), \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k = 0\}$  a *subspace*? Explain your answer.
- (c) For the questions in this part, provide a **Yes** or **No** answer with justification for a **Yes** answer and a counterexample for a **No** answer.  
 Given two metric spaces  $(X, \rho_X)$  and  $(Y, \rho_Y)$ , let  $A, B \subset X$  be two arbitrary sets such that  $\rho_X(A, B) = 0$ . Is it possible that  $\rho_Y(f(A), f(B)) = 0$  if
- $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a continuous mapping;
  - $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a uniformly continuous mapping?
25. For  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ , consider the space  $C^{0,\alpha}[a, b]$  of Hölder-continuous functions  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $f \in C^{0,\alpha}[a, b]$ , and define

$$\|f\|_{0,\alpha} := \inf\{L \geq 0 : |f(x) - f(y)| \leq L|x - y|^\alpha \text{ for } x, y \in [a, b]\}.$$

Also, introduce  $E = \{f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : f \in C^{0,\alpha}[a, b], f(a) = 0\}$ .

- Show that if  $f \in E$ , then  $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq \|f\|_{0,\alpha}|x - y|^\alpha$  for all  $x, y \in [a, b]$  (i.e. the infimum in the definition of  $\|f\|_{0,\alpha}$  is actually a minimum).
  - Show that  $\|f\|_{0,\alpha}$  is a norm on  $E$ .
  - Show that  $\|f\|_\infty \leq (b - a)^\alpha \|f\|_{0,\alpha}$  for  $f \in E$ .
  - Show that the space  $(E, \|f\|_{0,\alpha})$  is complete.
26. Let  $H$  be a (complex) Hilbert space. Suppose that  $\{e_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a complete orthonormal system on  $H$  and  $\{g_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a sequence of vectors in  $H$  such that

$$c^2 := \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \|g_k\|^2 < \infty.$$

(a) Show that for every  $x \in H$ , the series  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (x, g_k) e_k$  is convergent.

(b) Using (a), define

$$Ax := \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (x, g_k) e_k, \quad x \in H.$$

Show that  $A$  is a bounded linear operator on  $H$ , i.e.  $A \in \mathcal{B}(H)$ , with  $\|A\| \leq c$ .

(c) Define  $A_n \in \mathcal{B}(H)$  by

$$A_n x := \sum_{k=1}^n (x, g_k) e_k, \quad x \in H.$$

Show that  $\|A_n - A\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

(d) Compute  $A^* e_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and then provide a formula for  $A^* x$  for arbitrary  $x \in H$ .

27. Suppose  $Q$  is an  $n \times n$  positive definite matrix,  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  real matrix with  $\text{rank } A = m$  where  $m \leq n - 1$ , and  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ . Consider the optimization problem:

$$\text{Minimize } f(x) = (Qx, x) \quad \text{subject to } Ax = b, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n,$$

assuming that the solution set of the linear equation has a dimension  $d \geq 1$ .

- (a) Give a necessary and sufficient condition for a point  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  to be an optimal solution of this optimization problem.
- (b) Find the formula for the minimal value of this problem.
- (c) Use Lagrange multipliers to find an optimal solution to this problem for the following values:

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A = [4 \quad 2], \quad b = -8.$$

28. Consider a Hilbert space  $H$  and a complete orthonormal system  $\{e_n\}$  in  $H$ . Define an operator  $A$  by

$$Ax = \sum_n \zeta_n e_{n+1}, \quad \text{where } H \ni x = \sum_n \zeta_n e_n \quad \text{with } \|x\|^2 = \sum_n |\zeta_n|^2.$$

- (a) Show that  $A$  is *linear* and *continuous*.
  - (b) What is its *adjoint*  $A^*$ ?
  - (c) Show that 0 may *not* be an eigenvalue of  $A$ .
29.
  - (a) Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  real matrix. Define the rank of  $A$ .
  - (b) Suppose  $F : X \rightarrow Y$  is a function with  $X, Y$  being normed vector spaces. What does it mean to say that  $F$  is **Lipschitz continuous** on  $X$ ?
  - (c) Suppose  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is convex. Define a **subgradient** of  $f$  at  $x$ .
  - (d) Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space, and  $L : H \rightarrow H$  be a continuous linear transformation. Define the **adjoint** of  $L$ .
  - (e) Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space and  $V$  be a subspace of  $H$ . What is the **orthogonal complement** of  $V$ ?
  - (f) Suppose that  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a function. What is the definition of a **strictly convex** function?

30. Answer T (true) or F (false) for each of the following statements. 
  - (a) If  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is convex and continuous, then  $f$  has a finite lower bound on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
  - (b) If  $L : H \rightarrow H$  is a continuous linear transformation and  $\lambda > \|L\|$ , then for any  $f \in H$  there is a unique solution of the equation  $\lambda u - Lu = f$ .
  - (c) If a linear transformation  $L : H \rightarrow H$  is 1-1, then so also is its adjoint operator  $L^*$ .

- (d) If  $f, g$  are  $C^1$  functions on the interval  $(0, 1)$ , then the function  $h(x) := \max(f(x), g(x))$  is a  $C^1$  function on  $(0, 1)$ .
- (e) A nonempty orthogonal subset  $E$  of a Hilbert space  $H$  is a linearly independent set.
31. Let  $H$  be a real Hilbert space, and suppose  $L : H \rightarrow H$  is a continuous linear operator with  $\|L\| < 1$ .
- (a) Prove that the operator norm of the adjoint linear operator  $L^*$  obeys  $\|L^*\| < 1$ .
- (b) Prove that both  $(I - L)$  and  $(I - L^*)$  are 1-1 maps of  $H$  to itself.
- (c) Given  $f \in H$  prove there is a unique solution of the equation  $u - Lu = f$ .
- (d) Find an explicit formula for the inverse operator  $(I - L)^{-1}$  and find an upper bound on  $\|(I - L)^{-1}\|$ .
32. Let  $\Delta'_n$  be the set of all probability vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . That is,  $\Delta'_n$  is the set of vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  that satisfy  $x_j \geq 0$  for each  $j$  and  $\sum_{j=1}^n x_j = 1$ . Suppose that  $g : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a continuously differentiable function.
- (a) Give reasons why  $g$  attains both its infimum and its supremum on  $\Delta'_n$ .
- (b) Describe the explicit formulae satisfied by the partial derivatives  $D_j g(\hat{x})$  of  $g$  at a local minimizer of  $g$  on  $\Delta'_n$ . In particular give the number of (independent) equations that must hold at a local minimizer and the number of inequalities that must hold.
33. Consider the function  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x) := \|Ax - b\|_2^2$  with  $A$  being an  $m \times n$  real matrix and  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ .
- (a) Show that  $f$  is a convex function on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- (b) Find the expression for the G-derivative  $\nabla f(x)$  and the equation that holds at a local minimizer of  $f$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
- (c) Describe conditions on  $A, A^T$  that imply a minimizer of  $f$  is actually a solution of the linear equation  $Ax = b$ .
34. (a) Let  $(X, \rho)$  be a complete metric space, and  $(Y, \rho)$  be a subspace of  $(X, \rho)$ . Prove that  $(Y, \rho)$  is complete if and only if  $Y$  is a closed set in  $(X, \rho)$ .
- (b) Let  $(X, \rho)$  be a metric space. Show that a continuous image  $f(K)$  of a compact set  $K \subset X$  is compact.
35. Consider a linear operator  $A : X \rightarrow Y$  where  $X$  and  $Y$  are linear normed spaces. Show that  $A$  is *closed* if and only if its domain  $\mathcal{D}(A)$  is a Banach space in the norm  $\|x\| = \|x\|_X + \|Ax\|_Y$ .
36. Let  $X$  be a linear normed space,  $f \in X^*$ ,  $f \neq 0$ . Consider a hyperplane  $L = \{x \in X : \langle x, f \rangle = 1\}$  (here  $\langle x, f \rangle$  denotes the dual pairing of  $x \in X$  and  $f \in X^*$ ). Prove that

$$\|f\| = \frac{1}{\inf_{x \in L} \|x\|}.$$

37. State carefully the following theorems:
- (a) The *Riesz Representation Theorem*.
- (b) *Bessel's inequality*.
- (c) The *Heine-Borel Theorem*.
- (d) A characterization for a *lower semi-continuous* function  $f : X \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$  on a metric space  $X$ .
- (e) *First order necessary* conditions for a function  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  to have a local minimum at  $x^* \in \Omega$ , where  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is an open set.
38. (a) Is  $\rho(x, y) = |x - y|^2$  a metric on  $\mathbb{R}$ ? Is the same true for  $\rho(x, y) = \sqrt{|x - y|}$ ? Justify.
- (b) Suppose metrics  $\rho_1$  and  $\rho_2$  are equivalent. Show that a sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset X$  is convergent in  $(X, \rho_1)$  if and only if it is convergent in  $(X, \rho_2)$ .

- (c) Show that any two of the metrics  $\rho_p$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  are equivalent. (Editor's note: probably  $\rho_p$  (for  $p \geq 1$ ) is meant to be the metric defined  $\rho_p(x, y) = (\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - y_i|^p)^{1/p}$  for  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ ,  $y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .
39. (a) Define the space  $\ell_p$  and its norm. For what values of  $p$  is it a Hilbert space?  
 (b) For  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots) \in \ell_2$ , we set  $A_n x = (x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}, \dots)$ . Show that  $A_n$  is a *linear bounded operator*, and  $A_n \rightarrow 0$  *strongly* as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .  
 (c) Define the adjoint operator  $A_n^*$ . Then find it and investigate if it is true that  $A_n^* \rightarrow 0$  strongly as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .
40. Define the following concepts:  
 (a) A *complete* metric space  $(X, \rho_X)$ .  
 (b) *Uniform* and *strong convergence* of a sequence of operators  $\{T_n\}$  in the space of linear bounded operators  $\mathcal{B}(X, Y)$  between normed linear spaces  $X$  and  $Y$ .  
 (c) The *orthogonal complement*  $M^\perp$  of a nonempty subset  $M$  in a Hilbert space  $H$ .  
 (d) A *complete* orthonormal set  $\{\varphi_n\}$  in a Hilbert space  $H$ .  
 (e) A *convex* function  $f : C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  on an open convex subset  $C \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ .
41. State carefully the following theorems:  
 (a) The *Open Mapping Theorem*.  
 (b) The *Contraction Mapping Theorem*.  
 (c) The *Pythagoras Theorem*.  
 (d) The *second order necessary condition* for a point to be a local minimizer of  $f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .  
 (e) A *characterization* (other than the definition) for a real-valued  $C^1$  function  $f$  defined on an open interval  $I$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  to be *convex*.
42. Answer **True** or **False** to each of the following questions (work need not be shown):  
 (a) If  $X$  and  $Y$  are normed linear spaces, then strong convergence of operators  $\{T_n\} \subset \mathcal{B}(X, Y)$  implies their uniform convergence.  
 (b) If  $A$  is a bounded linear operator on a Hilbert space  $H$ , then  $H = \text{ran } A \oplus \ker A^*$ .  
 (c) Let  $\{\varphi_n\}$  be an orthonormal system in a Hilbert space  $H$  and  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n, \dots)$ . Then the following assertions are equivalent:  
     i. The sum  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \lambda_k \varphi_k$  converges in  $H$ .  
     ii.  $\lambda \in \ell^2$ .  
 (d) A contraction mapping is uniformly continuous.  
 (e) There exists exactly one minimizer of a lower semi-continuous and quasi-convex function  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  where  $\Omega$  is a nonempty compact convex set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .
43. Let  $X := C[0, 1]$  be the usual space of continuous real-valued functions on  $[0, 1]$  with the inner product

$$\langle f, g \rangle := \int_0^1 f(t)g(t) dt.$$

Define  $\mathcal{K} : X \rightarrow X$  by  $\mathcal{K}f(t) := \int_0^t f(s) ds$  for  $f \in X$ .

- (a) Show that  $\mathcal{K}$  is a continuous linear transformation of  $X$  to itself and find its norm.  
 (b) Define, and determine, the null space of  $\mathcal{K}$ .  
 (c) Find the adjoint operator  $\mathcal{K}^*$  (restricted to  $X$ ).

- (d) Does the equation  $Ku(t) = f(t)$  have a solution in  $X$  for every  $f \in X$ ? Give reasons for your answer.
44. Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space, and let  $\mathcal{B}(H)$  denote the space of linear bounded operators from  $H$  to  $H$ . Answer **True** or **False** to each of the following questions (work need not be shown):
- Let  $f : X \rightarrow X$  where  $(X, \rho)$  is a metric space. If the composition  $f \circ f$  is a *contraction*, then  $f$  is *continuous*.
  - The inner product of two weakly convergent sequences converges.
  - If  $A \in \mathcal{B}(H)$  is *compact*, then  $A^*$  is also a compact operator.
  - If  $f : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is such that  $f''(x) \geq 0$  for each  $x \in (a, b)$ , then  $f$  is  $C^1$  and convex on  $(a, b)$ .
45. Consider the optimization problem:

$$\text{Minimize } f(x) = (Qx, x) \quad \text{subject to } Ax = b, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n,$$

where  $Q$  is an  $n \times n$  positive semi-definite matrix,  $A$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix and  $b \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , and the linear system  $Ax = b$  has an  $n - m$  dimensional set of solutions.

- Give a necessary and sufficient condition for a point  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  to be an optimal solution of this optimization problem.
- Find an optimal solution to this problem for the following values:

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A = [4 \quad 2], \quad b = -8.$$

46. Suppose that  $f(x) = ax + bx^\beta$  for  $x > 0$ , with  $a, b, \beta$  all strictly positive.
- Show that  $f$  is convex and has a minimizer on  $(0, \infty)$ .
  - Find the minimizer of this function and find the numbers  $C > 0, \gamma$  such that

$$\inf_{x>0} f(x) = Ca^\gamma b^{1-\gamma}.$$

Verify that this  $C$  is independent of  $a$  and  $b$ .

- When  $b, \beta > 0$  and  $a = 0$ , show that  $f$  is convex and bounded below but does not have a minimizer on  $(0, \infty)$ .
47. Let  $\Omega$  be a nontrivial convex set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $(a, b)$  an interval in  $\mathbb{R}$ , and  $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  a convex function with  $f(\Omega) \subset (a, b)$ . Show that if  $\varphi : (a, b) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is convex and increasing, then  $g(x) := \varphi(f(x))$  is convex on  $\Omega$ .
48. Consider the optimization problem:

$$\text{Minimize } f(x) = (Qx, x) - (b, x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n,$$

where  $Q$  is an  $n \times n$  positive semi-definite matrix, and  $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

- Give a *necessary* and *sufficient* condition for a point  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  to be an optimal solution of this optimization problem.
- Find an optimal solution to this problem for the following values:

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad b = [-2 \quad 2].$$