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TD 4: WEAK TOPOLOGIES

**EXERCISE 1.**

1. Let  $E$  be a l.c.t.v.s whose topology is generated by a separating family of seminorms  $(p_\alpha)_{\alpha \in I}$ . Prove that a sequence  $(x_n)_n$  of elements in  $E$  converges to some  $x \in E$  if and only if for all  $\alpha \in I$ , the sequence  $(p_\alpha(x - x_n))_n$  converges to 0.
2. Let  $E$  be a Banach space. By using the previous question, give a characterization of weakly converging sequences in terms of continuous linear forms.

**EXERCISE 2.** Let  $X$  be a normed vector space.

1. Let  $(u_n)_n$  be a weakly convergent sequence in  $X$ . Justify that  $(u_n)$  is bounded and that the weak limit  $u$  of  $(u_n)_n$  satisfies  $\|u\| \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \|u_n\|$ .
2. Suppose that the sequence  $(\varphi_n)_n$  in  $X^*$  is converging strongly to some  $\varphi \in X^*$ . Show that for any sequence  $(u_n)_n$  in  $X$  that converges weakly to  $u \in X$ , then the sequence  $(\varphi_n(u_n))_n$  converges to  $\varphi(u)$ .
3. Assume that  $X$  is a Hilbert space. Let  $(u_n)_n$  be a sequence in  $X$  that converges weakly to  $u \in X$  and such that  $(\|u_n\|)_n$  converges to  $\|u\|$ . Prove that  $(u_n)_n$  converges strongly to  $u$ .

**EXERCISE 3.** The purpose of this exercise is to present three obstructions to strong convergence in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and  $L^2(\mathbb{T}^d)$ . In the following,  $\varphi \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  denotes a compactly supported smooth function being not identically equal to zero.

1. (Loss of mass) Let  $\nu$  be a vector of norm 1. Prove that the sequence  $(\varphi(\cdot - n\nu))_n$  converges weakly to zero in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , but not strongly.
2. (Concentration) Prove that the sequence  $(n^{d/2}\varphi(n\cdot))_n$  converges weakly to zero in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , but not strongly.
3. (Oscillations) We now consider  $w \in L^2(\mathbb{T}^d)$  a non-constant function. Prove that the sequence  $(w(n\cdot))_n$  converges weakly but not strongly to  $\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} w$  in  $L^2(\mathbb{T}^d)$ .

**EXERCISE 4.** Let  $E$  be a Banach space.

1. Show that if  $E$  is finite-dimensional, then the weak topology  $\sigma(E, E^*)$  and the strong topology coincide.
2. We assume that  $E$  is infinite-dimensional.
  - (a) Show that every weak open subset of  $E$  contains a straight line.
  - (b) Deduce that  $B = \{x \in E : \|x\| < 1\}$  has an empty interior for the weak topology.
  - (c) Let  $S = \{x \in E : \|x\| = 1\}$  be the unit sphere of  $E$ . What is the weak closure of  $S$  ?

**EXERCISE 5.** Let  $E$  be an infinite-dimensional Banach space. Prove that the weak topology on  $E$  is not metrizable.

*Hint: Recall that any open weak set contains a line.*

**EXERCISE 6.**

1. (Mazur's lemma) Let  $E$  be a Banach space and  $(u_n)_n$  be a sequence in  $E$  weakly converging to  $u_\infty \in E$ . Show that  $u_\infty$  is a strong limit of finite convex combinations of the  $u_n$ .
2. (Banach-Sacks' property) Show that if  $E$  is in addition a Hilbert space, we can extract a subsequence converging to  $u_\infty$  strongly in the sens of Cesàro.

**EXERCISE 7** (Schur's property for  $\ell^1(\mathbb{N})$ ).

1. Recall why weak and strong topologies always differ in an infinite dimensional norm vector space.

The aim is to prove that a sequence of  $\ell^1(\mathbb{N})$  converges weakly if and only if it converges strongly. Take  $(u^n)_n$  a sequence in  $\ell^1(\mathbb{N})$  weakly converging to 0.

2. Show that for all  $k$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_k^n \rightarrow 0$ .
3. Show that if  $u_n \rightharpoonup 0$  in  $\ell^1(\mathbb{N})$ , one can additionally assume that  $\|u^n\|_{\ell^1} = 1$ .
4. Define via a recursive argument two increasing sequences of  $\mathbb{N}$ ,  $(a_k)_k$  and  $(n_k)_k$ , such that

$$\forall k \geq 0, \quad \sum_{j=a_k}^{a_{k+1}-1} |u_j^{n_k}| \geq \frac{3}{4}.$$

5. Show that there exists  $v \in \ell^\infty(\mathbb{N})$  such that  $(v, u^{n_k})_{\ell^2} \geq \frac{1}{2}$  for all  $k$ . Conclude.