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TD 3: HAHN-BANACH THEOREM AND LOCALLY CONVEX TOPOLOGICAL VECTOR SPACES

**EXERCISE 1** (Towards duality). Let  $E$  be a normed vector space.

1. Let  $G$  be a vector subspace of  $E$  and  $g : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous linear form. Show that there exists a continuous linear form  $f$  over  $E$  that extends  $g$ , and such that

$$\|f\|_{E^*} = \|g\|_{G^*}.$$

When  $E$  is an Hilbert space, prove that this extension is unique.

2. Assume that  $E = \ell^1(\mathbb{N})$ . Give the example of a continuous linear form of norm 1, defined on a strict vector subspace of  $E$ , which admits an infinite number of linear continuous extensions of norm 1 over  $E$ .
3. Assume that  $E$  is a Banach space. Let  $B$  be a subset of  $E$  such that

$$\forall f \in E^*, \quad \sup_{x \in B} f(x) < +\infty.$$

Prove that  $B$  is bounded.

**EXERCISE 2** (Hahn-Banach theorems for complex spaces). Let  $E$  be a vector space over  $\mathbb{C}$ . Let  $M$  be a vector subspace of  $E$  and let  $f : M \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a  $\mathbb{C}$ -linear form. Suppose that there is a semi-norm  $p : E \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that

$$\forall x \in M, \quad |f(x)| \leq p(x).$$

Prove that there there exists a linear form  $F : E \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  extending  $f$ , and such that  $|F| \leq p$ .

**EXERCISE 3** (Hahn-Banach Theorem without the axiom of choice.). Let  $E$  be a real separable Banach space and  $p$  be a norm on  $E$ . Let  $M$  be a linear subspace of  $E$  and  $\varphi : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a linear functional which is dominated by  $p$ . Prove that  $\varphi$  can be extended to a linear functional  $E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  which remains dominated by  $p$ .

**EXERCISE 4** (Separation of convex sets in Hilbert spaces). Let  $H$  be an Hilbert space.

1. Let  $C \subset H$  be a convex, closed and non-empty set. Prove that any  $v \notin C$  can be strictly separated by  $C$  by a closed hyperplane, *i.e.* there exists  $u_0 \in H$  such that

$$\forall u \in C, \quad \langle u_0, u \rangle < \langle u_0, v \rangle.$$

2. Let  $C_1, C_2 \subset H$  be convex, closed and non-empty disjoint sets,  $C_1$  being moreover compact. Prove that  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  can be strictly separated by a closed hyperplane, *i.e.* there exists  $u_0 \in H$  such that

$$\sup_{u \in C_1} \langle u_0, u \rangle < \inf_{u \in C_2} \langle u_0, u \rangle.$$

**EXERCISE 5** (Convex sets that cannot be separated). Let  $H$  be the Hilbert space  $L^2([-1, 1])$ . For every  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , let  $C_\alpha \subset H$  be the subset of continuous functions  $u : [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $u(0) = \alpha$ . Prove that  $C_\alpha$  is a convex dense subset of  $H$ . Deduce that, if  $\alpha \neq \beta$ , then  $C_\alpha$  and  $C_\beta$  are convex disjoint subsets that cannot be separated by a continuous linear form.

**EXERCISE 6** (Banach limit).

1. Let  $s : \ell^\infty(\mathbb{N}) \rightarrow \ell^\infty(\mathbb{N})$  be the shift operator, defined by  $s(x)_i = x_{i+1}$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x \in \ell^\infty(\mathbb{N})$ . Prove the existence of a continuous linear function  $\Lambda \in (\ell^\infty(\mathbb{N}))'$  satisfying  $\Lambda \circ s = \Lambda$  and

$$\forall u \in \ell^\infty(\mathbb{N}), \quad \liminf_{n \rightarrow +\infty} u_n \leq \Lambda(u) \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow +\infty} u_n.$$

Such a linear form  $\Lambda$  is called Banach limit.

*Hint: Consider the vector space of bounded sequences that converge in the sense of Cesàro.*

2. Deduce that there exists a function  $\mu : \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  which satisfies

- (i)  $\mu(\mathbb{N}) = 1$ ,
- (ii)  $\mu$  is finitely additive:  $\forall A, B \subset \mathbb{N}$  with  $A \cap B = \emptyset$ ,  $\mu(A \cup B) = \mu(A) + \mu(B)$ ,
- (iii)  $\mu$  is left-invariant:  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $A \subset \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mu(k + A) = \mu(A)$ .

**EXERCISE 7** ( $L^p$  spaces with  $0 < p < 1$ ). Let  $p \in (0, 1)$  and  $L^p$  be the set of real-valued measurable functions  $u$  defined over  $[0, 1]$ , modulo almost everywhere vanishing functions, for which the following quantity is finite:

$$\|u\|_p = \left( \int_0^1 |u|^p dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}.$$

1. Show that  $L^p$  is a vector space and that  $d(u, v) = \|u - v\|_p^p$  is a distance. Prove that  $(L^p, d)$  is complete.
2. Let  $f \in L^p$  and  $n \geq 1$  be a positive integer. Prove that there exist some points  $0 = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = 1$  such that for all  $i = 0, \dots, n - 1$ ,

$$\int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} |f|^p dx = \frac{1}{n} \int_0^1 |f|^p dx.$$

3. Prove that the only convex open domain in  $L^p$  containing  $u \equiv 0$  is  $L^p$  itself. Deduce that the space  $L^p$  is not locally convex.

*Hint: Introduce the functions  $g_i^n = n f \mathbb{1}_{[x_i, x_{i+1}]}$ .*

4. Show that the (topological) dual space of  $L^p$  reduces to  $\{0\}$ .