

1. If $1 < p < \infty$, prove that the unit ball of $L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is strictly convex; this means that if

$$\|f\|_p = \|g\|_p = 1, \quad f \neq g, \quad h = \frac{1}{2}(f + g),$$

then $\|h\|_p < 1$. Show that this fails in $L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$, and in $L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$.

2. Prove that $W^{1,2}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ is a Hilbert space. (Recall: ~~*~~)

3. Use the Fourier transform method to show that the equation

$$u_{xx} + u_{yy} + u_{zz} = -q(x, y, z),$$

where q is a continuous, positive function on \mathbb{R}^3 , has the formal solution

$$u(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} \frac{q(s)}{\|s - r\|} ds, \quad r = (x, y, z).$$

4. Suppose that X and Y are Banach spaces, and suppose that Λ is a linear mapping of X into Y , with the following property:

For every sequence x_n in X for which $x = \lim x_n$, and $y = \lim \Lambda x_n$ exist, it is true that $y = \Lambda x$. Prove that Λ is continuous.

5. Suppose that X is an infinite-dimensional normed linear space and $S = \{x \in X : \|x\| = 1\}$. Show that

(a) the weak closure of S is $\{x \in X : \|x\| \leq 1\}$;

(b) $\{x \in X : \|x\| \leq 1\}$ is not compact.

(*) v is called the α -th weak derivative of u and is denoted by $D^\alpha u$ if it satisfies

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \varphi v \, dx = (-1)^{|\alpha|} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} u D^\alpha \varphi \, dx, \quad \text{for all } \varphi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

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$W^{1,2}(\mathbb{R}^n) \equiv \{u : D^\alpha u \text{ exist and } D^\alpha u \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \text{ for all } |\alpha| \leq 1\}$.