

# Function Spaces

## Assignment - 1

1. Answer the following problems with proper justification:

(a) Is the set  $\{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x_1^2 + x_2^2 - x_3^2 = 1\}$  compact set in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?

(b) Let  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$  be the space of  $n \times n$  matrices over  $\mathbb{R}$  and think as  $M_n(\mathbb{R}) \cong \mathbb{R}^{n^2}$ .  
Then

i. Is  $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ , the set of all invertible matrices, in  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$  compact?

ii. Is  $O(n, \mathbb{R})$ , the set of all orthogonal matrices, in  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$  compact?

iii. Is  $SL(n, \mathbb{R})$ , the set of all matrices with determinant 1, in  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$  compact?

iv. Is  $N(n, \mathbb{R})$ , the set of all nilpotent matrices, in  $M_n(\mathbb{R})$  compact?

2. If  $f : (0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is uniformly continuous, then show that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  exists. Conclude that  $f$  is bounded on  $(0, 1)$ .

3. Let  $K$  be a compact subset of a metric space  $(M, d)$ , and let  $G$  be an open set containing  $K$ . Then prove that there exists an open set  $U$  for which  $K \subseteq U \subseteq \overline{U} \subseteq G$ .

4. Let  $M$  be compact and let  $f : M \rightarrow M$  satisfy  $d(f(x), f(y)) = d(x, y)$  for all  $x, y \in M$ . Show that  $f$  is one-one and onto.

5. Suppose  $f$  is a real-valued continuous function on  $(\mathbb{R}^n, \|\cdot\|_2)$  with the property that there is a number  $c > 0$  such that  $|f(x)| \geq c\|x\|_2$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Show that if  $K$  is a compact subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ , then  $f^{-1}(K)$  is compact set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

6. A real-valued function  $f$  on a metric space  $(M, d)$  is said to be lower semi-continuous if for each  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , the set  $\{x \in M : f(x) > \alpha\}$  is open in  $M$ . Prove that if  $M$  is compact, then every lower semi-continuous function on  $M$  is bounded below and attains a minimum value.

7. Consider the normed linear space (NLS)

$$l_\infty := \{x = (x_1, x_2, \dots) : x_n \in \mathbb{R}, n \geq 1, x \text{ is a bounded sequence}\}$$

with the norm  $\|x\|_\infty = \sup_{n \geq 1} |x_n|$ . Let  $K = \{x = (x_1, x_2, \dots) \in l_\infty : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 1\}$ .  
Prove that

- (a)  $K$  is a closed subset of  $l_\infty$ .
- (b) If  $T : l_\infty \rightarrow l_\infty$  is defined by  $T(x) = (0, x_1, x_2, \dots)$  for  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots) \in l_\infty$ , that is, if  $T$  shifts the entries forward and puts 0 in the empty slot, then  $T(K) \subseteq K$ .
- (c)  $T$  is an isometry on  $K$ , but  $T$  has no fixed point in  $K$ .
8. Show that the map  $T$  on  $(C[0, 1], \|\cdot\|_\infty)$  defined by

$$Tf(x) := \int_0^x (x-t)f(t)dt, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1, \quad f \in C[0, 1].$$

is a contraction. What is its fixed point?

9. Let  $a, b$  be real numbers with  $0 < b < 1$ . Consider the subset  $X$  of  $C[0, b]$  consisting of functions  $f$  such that  $f(0) = a$ . Then show that  $X$  is closed in  $(C[0, b], \|\cdot\|_\infty)$ . Define

$$Tf(x) := a + \int_0^x |f(t)|dt \quad (0 \leq x \leq b).$$

Prove that there exists a unique  $f \in X$  which satisfies  $f' = |f|$  on  $(0, b)$ .

10. Let  $a > 0$  and  $g \in C[0, a]$ . Define  $T : C[0, a] \rightarrow C[0, a]$  as follows:

$$Tf(x) := \int_0^x f(t)dt + g(x), \quad (f \in C[0, a], 0 \leq x \leq a).$$

Show that  $T$  is a contraction on  $(C[0, a], \|\cdot\|_\infty)$  if and only if  $a < 1$ . Assume that  $g$  is differentiable. Find the initial value problem of an ordinary differential equation whose solution is the fixed point of  $T$ .