

**SOLUTIONS:**

1. The space  $\mathcal{P}$  can be identified with the following subspace of  $l^2$ :

$$\mathcal{P} = \{x = (\xi_n)_{n \geq 1} : \xi_n \neq 0 \text{ for only finitely many } n\}.$$

The norm is therefore induced by the inner product in  $l^2$ . Since  $\mathcal{P}$  is not a closed subspace of  $l^2$ , it is not complete.

2. Let  $a \in X \setminus \mathcal{N}(g) = X \setminus \mathcal{N}(f)$ . Note that if  $x \in X$ , then

$$x - \frac{f(x)}{f(a)}a \in \mathcal{N}(f) = \mathcal{N}(g).$$

Hence

$$g(x) = g\left(\frac{f(x)}{f(a)}a + \left(x - \frac{f(x)}{f(a)}a\right)\right) = g\left(\frac{f(x)}{f(a)}a\right) = \frac{g(a)}{f(a)}f(x).$$

3. The series is convergent because

$$\left\| \sum_{n=m}^{m+k} \lambda_n \langle x, u_n \rangle v_n \right\|^2 = \sum_{n=m}^{m+k} |\lambda_n|^2 |\langle x, u_n \rangle|^2 \leq M^2 \sum_{n=m}^{m+k} |\langle x, u_n \rangle|^2 \rightarrow 0,$$

as  $m, k \rightarrow \infty$ , where  $M = \sup_{n \geq 1} |\lambda_n|$ . Similarly

$$\|Tx\|^2 \leq M^2 \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} |\langle x, u_n \rangle|^2 = M^2 \|x\|^2.$$

Therefore

$$\|T\| \leq M = \sup_{n \geq 1} \|Tu_n\| \leq \|T\|,$$

because  $\|Tu_n\| = |\lambda_n|$ .

4. We have that

$$\langle x, T^*x \rangle = \langle Tx, x \rangle = \sum_n \lambda_n \langle x, u_n \rangle \langle v_n, x \rangle = \left\langle x, \sum_n \bar{\lambda}_n \langle x, v_n \rangle u_n \right\rangle.$$

Therefore

$$T^*x = \sum_n \bar{\lambda}_n \langle x, v_n \rangle u_n, \quad x \in H.$$

Consequently

$$T^*Tx = \sum_n |\lambda_n|^2 \langle x, u_n \rangle u_n$$

and

$$TT^*x = \sum_n |\lambda_n|^2 \langle x, v_n \rangle v_n.$$

This implies the required property.

**5.** If  $a \notin \overline{\text{span}(M)}$ , define  $Z = \overline{\text{span}\{M, a\}}$  and  $g : Z \rightarrow \mathbf{K}$  as  $g(\lambda a + v) = \lambda$  for  $\lambda \in \mathbf{K}$  and  $v \in \text{span}(M)$ . By the Hahn-Banach theorem there exists  $f \in X'$  such that  $f = g$  on  $Z$ . In particular,  $f(a) = g(a) = 1$  and  $\mathcal{N}(f) \supset \overline{\text{span}(M)}$ . The converse follows from the definition of the closure of a set and continuity.

**6.** It suffices to check that  $PP = P$  and that  $P$  is self-adjoint.

**7.** In view of the Open Mapping Theorem,  $T$  has a continuous inverse. Hence  $I = T^{-1}T$  is a compact operator. Consequently, the closed unit ball of  $X$  is compact and so  $X$  has to be finite dimensional.

**8.** Let  $T_\lambda = T - \lambda I$ . By comparing  $(T_\lambda x)(t)$  with  $(T_\lambda x)(1-t)$  we see that

$$(1 - \lambda^2)x(t) = \lambda y(t) + y(1-t),$$

where  $y = T_\lambda x$ . Hence, if  $\lambda^2 \neq 1$ , then

$$(R_\lambda y)(t) = \frac{1}{1 - \lambda^2} (\lambda y(t) + y(1-t)), \quad y \in X, t \in [0, 1].$$

The eigenspace corresponding to  $\lambda = 1$  consists of all  $x \in X$  such that  $x(t) = x(1-t)$  for each  $t \in [0, 1]$ . The eigenspace corresponding to  $\lambda = -1$  consists of all  $x \in X$  such that  $x(t) = -x(1-t)$  for each  $t \in [0, 1]$ . Consequently  $\sigma(T) = \{1, -1\}$ .

**9.** The inequality  $\|P_{E_n}\| \leq 1$  implies (a). Property (b) is true because  $P_{E_n}P_{E_m} = P_{E_n}$  if  $m > n$ . To get (c) note that since  $x_n \in E_n$  we have

$$\langle x_{n+k}, x_n \rangle = \langle P_{E_n}(x_{n+k}), x_n \rangle = \|x_n\|^2.$$

Let  $c = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n\|$ . Then

$$\|x_{n+k} - x_n\|^2 = \|x_{n+k}\|^2 - \|x_n\|^2 \rightarrow c - c = 0$$

as  $n, k \rightarrow \infty$ . Finally, if  $y = \lim x_n$ , then by (b) and continuity of projections,  $y = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} P_{E_n}(x_{n+k}) = P_{E_n}(y)$ .

**10.** Note that part of the second sentence in Problem 10 was missing in the exam paper. Nevertheless, marks were awarded for attempts at solving of the incomplete problem. Here is a solution of the complete formulation of the problem (which was meant to check if the graduate students taking the course have read the proof of the Banach-Steinhaus theorem). Let  $[a_1, b_1] \subset ]a, b[$ , where  $a_1 < b_1$ . Define  $F_m = \{t \in [a_1, b_1] : \sup_{n \geq 1} |f_n(t)| \leq m\}$  for  $m = 1, 2, \dots$ . Then  $F_m$  is closed and  $[a_1, b_1]$  is the union of the sets  $F_m$ . By Baire's theorem at least one of the sets  $F_m$  has non-empty interior. The latter must contain an interval  $[\alpha, \beta]$  as required.