

## EXERCISE SHEET 2 SOLUTIONS

Analysis II-MATH-106 (en) EPFL

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**1.** By the properties of the scalar product, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|\mathbf{x} \pm \mathbf{y}\|_2^2 &= \langle \mathbf{x} \pm \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} \pm \mathbf{y} \rangle \\
 &= \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle + \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y} \rangle \pm \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle \pm \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} \rangle \\
 &= \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 + \|\mathbf{y}\|_2^2 \pm \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle \pm \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} \rangle,
 \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$\|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\|_2^2 + \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}\|_2^2 - 2\|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 - 2\|\mathbf{y}\|_2^2 = 0.$$

**2.** For all  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in E$  and real number  $\lambda$ , we have:

$$0 \leq \langle \mathbf{x} - \lambda \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} - \lambda \mathbf{y} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle - 2\lambda \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle + \lambda^2 \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y} \rangle.$$

We minimize the above equation with regard to  $\lambda$ : If  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{0}$ , there is nothing to prove (both two sides of Cauchy-Schwarz's inequality are equal to zero). If  $\mathbf{y} \neq \mathbf{0}$ , then we have  $\langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y} \rangle > 0$  by the positivity of the scalar product, and the minimum of this polynomial of degree 2 with regard to  $\lambda$  is obtained when  $\lambda = \frac{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle}{\langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y} \rangle}$ , with which we get

$$0 \leq \langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x} \rangle - \frac{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle^2}{\langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y} \rangle}$$

hence the proof for the Cauchy-Schwarz's inequality is finished.

**3. (a)** Note first that we can assume  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \neq \mathbf{0}$  since otherwise the inequality is trivial (the two members are equal to zero). By the triangle inequality for the absolute value, we derive the basic inequality:

$$(1) \quad |\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle| = \left| \sum_{k=1}^n x_k y_k \right| \leq \sum_{k=1}^n |x_k| \cdot |y_k|$$

From this it follows that  $|\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle| \leq \|\mathbf{x}\|_1 \|\mathbf{y}\|_\infty$ , showing Hölder's inequality for  $p = 1, q = \infty$ .

Let  $p > 1$ . By Young's inequality, for all  $t > 0$  and all  $k$ , we have

$$|x_k| \cdot |y_k| = |tx_k| \cdot |t^{-1}y_k| \leq \frac{t^p |x_k|^p}{p} + \frac{t^{-q} |y_k|^q}{q}, \quad \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1.$$

By summing the above and using (1), we obtain

$$|\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle| \leq \frac{t^p \|\mathbf{x}\|_p^p}{p} + \frac{t^{-q} \|\mathbf{y}\|_q^q}{q}$$

for all  $t > 0$ . Then choose

$$(2) \quad t = \left( \frac{\|\mathbf{y}\|_q^q}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_p^p} \right)^{\frac{1}{p+q}}$$

in the above, and then we have

$$|\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle| \leq \left( \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} \right) \left( \|\mathbf{x}\|_p^{\frac{pq}{p+q}} \|\mathbf{y}\|_q^{\frac{pq}{p+q}} \right) = \|\mathbf{x}\|_p \|\mathbf{y}\|_q.$$

Comment: In case that one cannot see that picking the value of  $t$  in (2) will give the result, there is another way to continue the solution. Consider the function

$$f(t) = \frac{t^p \|\mathbf{x}\|_p^p}{p} + \frac{t^{-q} \|\mathbf{y}\|_q^q}{q}, \quad t > 0,$$

and by studying its monotonicity (though its derivative), one can see that  $f$  has a global maximum at the point  $t_0$  given by (2).

(b) **Non-negativity:**  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_\infty = \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} |x_k| = 0$  if and only if  $|x_k| = 0$  for all  $k$  which is equivalent to  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .

**Homogeneity:** For all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  and all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , using the homogeneity of the absolute value, we have

$$\|\lambda \mathbf{x}\|_\infty = \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} |\lambda x_k| = \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} |\lambda| |x_k| = |\lambda| \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} |x_k| = |\lambda| \|\mathbf{x}\|_\infty.$$

**Triangle inequality:** For all  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , using the triangle inequality for the absolute value, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\|_\infty &= \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} |x_k + y_k| \leq \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} |x_k| + |y_k| \\ &\leq \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} |x_k| + \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} |y_k| \\ &= \|\mathbf{x}\|_\infty + \|\mathbf{y}\|_\infty. \end{aligned}$$

(c) **Non-negativity:**  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_1 = \sum_{k=1}^n |x_k| = 0$  if and only if  $|x_k| = 0$  for all  $k$  which is equivalent to  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$ .

**Homogeneity:** For all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  and all  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , using the homogeneity of the absolute value, we have

$$\|\lambda \mathbf{x}\|_1 = \sum_{k=1}^n |\lambda x_k| = |\lambda| \sum_{k=1}^n |x_k| = |\lambda| \|\mathbf{x}\|_1.$$

**Triangle inequality:** For all  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , using the triangle inequality for the absolute value, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}\|_1 &= \sum_{k=1}^n |x_k + y_k| \leq \sum_{k=1}^n |x_k| + |y_k| \\ &= \|\mathbf{x}\|_1 + \|\mathbf{y}\|_1. \end{aligned}$$

4. (a)  $S = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 0 \leq y < (1 + x^2)e^{-|x|}\}$  is neither open nor closed:

- For any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have that the point  $(x, 0)$  is not in the interior of  $S$ . To see this, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we have that  $(x - \varepsilon/2, -\varepsilon/2) \notin S$ , hence  $B((x, 0), \varepsilon) \not\subset S$ .
- One way to see that  $S$  is not closed is by proving that the point  $(0, 1)$ , which clearly does not belong in  $S$ , is a boundary point of  $S$ . One quick way to show this is by considering the sequence  $((0, 1 - \frac{1}{n}))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  which converges to  $(0, 1)$ .

The set  $T = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 1 < x^2 + 4y^2 < 4\}$  is open but not closed:

- For any  $(a, b) \in T$ , the open ball  $B((a, b), r)$  with  $2r < \min(2 - \sqrt{a^2 + 4b^2}, \sqrt{a^2 + 4b^2} - 1)$  is contained in  $T$ .
- To show that it is not closed just argue that the point  $(0, 1)$  is a boundary point that is not in  $T$ .

$\mathbb{Q}$  is neither open nor closed: By a result from the course Analyse I, the set  $\mathbb{Q}$  is dense in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Between two real numbers there always exists a rational number and vice versa (see also exercises Analyse I, chapter 1). Hence, all point of  $\mathbb{Q}$  is a boundary point. So

$$\overset{\circ}{\mathbb{Q}} = \emptyset, \quad \partial \mathbb{Q} = \overline{\mathbb{Q}} = \mathbb{R}.$$

(b)  $\overset{\circ}{S} = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 0 < y < (1 + x^2)e^{-|x|}\}$ : In (a), we saw that  $\mathbb{R} \times \{0\}$  is disjoint from the interior of  $S$ , hence it suffices to show that any point  $(x, y)$  with  $0 < y < (1 + x^2)e^{-|x|}$  belongs in the interior of  $S$ . Let  $f(x) = (1 + x^2)e^{-|x|}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $(a, b)$  with  $0 < b < f(a)$ . Then:

- there exists  $\delta_1 > 0$  such that  $]b - \delta_1, b + \delta_1[ \subset ]0, f(a)[$ , and
- by continuity of  $f$ , there exists  $\delta_2 > 0$  such that for any  $x \in ]a - \delta_2, a + \delta_2[$ , we have  $f(x) > b + \delta_1$ .

Therefore, by picking  $\varepsilon = \min(\delta_1, \delta_2) > 0$ , we have that

$$B((a, b), \varepsilon) \subset \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 0 < y < (1 + x^2)e^{-|x|}\}.$$

$\partial S = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : y = 0 \text{ or } y = (1 + x^2)e^{-|x|}\} = (\mathbb{R} \times \{0\}) \cup (\mathbb{R} \times f(\mathbb{R}))$ : It is not hard to check that any point  $(x, y)$  with  $y = 0$  or  $y = f(x)$  is a boundary point and all other points are not (either using open balls or using convergence of sequences).

Finally,  $\overline{S} = S \cup \partial S = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 0 \leq y \leq (1 + x^2)e^{-|x|}\}$ .

Similarly, for  $T$  we have:

$$\overset{\circ}{T} = T$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial T &= \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + 4y^2 = 1 \text{ or } x^2 + 4y^2 = 4\} \\ \overline{T} &= \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 1 \leq x^2 + 4y^2 \leq 4\}. \end{aligned}$$

The interior, boundary and closure of  $\mathbb{Q}$  are calculated in (a).

(c)

$$\text{Area}(S) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (1 + x^2) e^{-|x|} dx = 2 \int_0^{\infty} (1 + x^2) e^{-|x|} dx = 2\Gamma(1) + 2\Gamma(3) = 6.$$

The boundary of  $T$  is given by the two ellipses  $E(1, 1/2)$  and  $E(2, 1)$ . Note that  $E(1, 1/2) \subset E(2, 1)$ . So

$$\text{Area}(T) = 2\pi - \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{3\pi}{2}.$$

5. (a) The sequence  $((0, 3 + \frac{1}{n}, 0))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  belongs in the set  $C$ , but its limit  $(0, 3, 0)$  does not.  
 (b)  $C$  is not open: The point  $(0, 5, 0) \in C$  and for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  the open ball with center  $(0, 5, 0)$  and radius is not contained in  $C$ .